

Professional Astronomers in Service to the AAVSO



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Abstract

THROUGHOUT ITS 100-YEAR HISTORY, the American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO) has welcomed professional astronomers to its membership ranks, and has encouraged their participation as organization leaders. The AAVSO has been fortunate to have had many distinguished professionals serve as officers (Directors, Presidents, Council), and as participants in its various scientific and organizational committees.

Professional astronomers who have served the AAVSO

affiliations shown are at time of service

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 **Joseph Ashbrook**
Yale University
Council 1949–1953, 1976–1980

 **Solon I. Bailey**
Harvard College Observatory
Council 1918–1919

 **Priscilla J. Benson**
Wellesley College Observatory
Council 1991–1995; Chair CCD Committee 1992–1996, co-chair 1996–1999

 **Harriet W. Bigelow**
Smith College Observatory
President 1931–1933; Council 1929–1933

 **Dirk Brouwer**
Yale University
President 1941–1943; Council 1938–1947; Chair Occultation Committee 1937

 **Ernest W. Brown**
Yale University
President 1933–1935; Council 1929–1935; Chair Moon Committee 1935

 **Annie Jump Cannon**
Harvard College Observatory
Council 1918–1922

 **Geoffrey C. Clayton**
Louisiana State University
Council 2001–2003

 **Thomas A. Cragg**
Mt. Wilson Observatory;
Anglo-Australian Observatory
Council 1951–1953, 1962–1966; Classical Cepheid Committee 1967–1994

 **Alice H. Farnsworth**
Mt. Holyoke College Observatory
President 1929–1931; Council 1923–1931, 1933–1935; Chair Occultation Committee 1938–1951

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Vassar College Observatory
Council 1918–1920

 **Jaime R. García**
Instituto Copernico, Argentina
President 2009–present; Council 2000–2009

 **Peter M. Garnavich**
Harvard-Smithsonian CfA
Council 1996–2000

 **Pamela L. Gay**
Southern Illinois University
Council 2005–2009; Chair Education and Outreach Committee 2006–2009

 **Jocelyn R. Gill**
Mt. Holyoke College Observatory
Council 1951–1955

 **Owen J. Gingerich**
Harvard-Smithsonian CfA
Council 1965–1969

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Villanova University
Council 2008–2009

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Maria Mitchell Observatory
Council 1925–1929, 1934–1936

 **Martha L. Hazen**
Harvard College Observatory
Secretary 1992–2005; President 1991–1992; Council 1984–2005

 **Sara J. Hill**
Wellesley College Observatory
Council 1956–1960; Chair Occultation Committee 1956–1958

 **Dorrit Hoffleit**
Harvard College Observatory;
Yale University
President 1961–1963; Council 1943–1945, 1954–1965, 1972–1974, 1977–1981, 1989–1993

 **Albert V. Holm**
Space Telescope Science Institute
President 1995–1997; Council 1990–1999

 **Nancy Houk**
University of Michigan
Council 1971–1973

 **Margarita Karovska**
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Council 1997–2001

 **Arlo U. Landolt**
University of Louisiana
Council 2006–2010

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Central Connecticut State University
Council 1997–2001

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University of Michigan
Council 1978–1980

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American Astronomical Society,
Executive Office
Council 2000–2005

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Institute for Astronomy, Honolulu
Council 2002–2008

 **Donald H. Menzel**
Harvard College Observatory
Council 1949–1953

 **Paul W. Merrill**
Mount Wilson Observatory
Council 1933–1935

 **Peter M. Millman**
David Dunlap Observatory;
National Research Council of Canada
Council 1947–1949, 1958–1961

 **Walter L. Moore**
University of Louisville
Council 1968–1970

 **George S. Mumford**
Tufts University
Council 1963–1967

 **A. E. Navez**
Harvard College Observatory
Chair Photographic Committee 1941–1942

 **Charles P. Olivier**
Flower Observatory
Council 1935–1939

 **John R. Percy**
University of Toronto
President 1989–1991; Council 1982–1993; *IAAVSO* Editor 2008–present

 **Edward C. Pickering**
Harvard College Observatory
Council 1918–1919

 **Francis H. Reynolds**
Clarkson College of Technology
Council 1953–1955

 **Marguerite A. Risley**
Randolph-Macon
Women's College
Council 1971–1973

 **Helen Sawyer Hogg**
David Dunlap Observatory;
University of Toronto
President 1939–1941; Council 1933–1945, 1950–1952; Chart Curator 1928–1935

 **Alan H. Shapley**
Central Radio Propagation
Laboratory
Council 1956–1958

 **Harlow Shapley**
Harvard College Observatory
President 1935–1937; Council 1931–1939

 **Charles H. Smiley**
Brown University Observatory
President 1945–1947; Council 1939–1949, 1953–1955

 **Jennifer L. Sokolowski**
Columbia Astrophysics
Laboratory
Council 2009–2010

 **Martha Stahr Carpenter**
Cornell University
President 1951–1954; Council 1946–1956, 1970–1973

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President 2007–2009; Council 2003–2009

 **David G. Turner**
Saint Mary University, Halifax
Council 2009–2010

 **Georges Van Biesbroeck**
Yerkes Observatory
Council 1926–1928, 1931–1932

 **George Wallerstein**
University of Washington
Council 1990–1994

 **Douglas L. Welch**
McMaster University
Council 1995–1999, 2007–2008

 **Barbara Welther**
Harvard-Smithsonian CfA
Council 1987–1991

 **Charles A. Whitney**
Harvard-Smithsonian CfA
IAAVSO Editor 1974–2008

 **Marjorie Williams**
Smith College Observatory
President 1947–1948; Council 1941–1949, 1975–1977

 **Thomas R. Williams**
Rice University
President 1985–1987, 1992–1993; Council 1978–1989, 1992–1996

 **Lee Anne Willson**
Iowa State University
President 1999–2001; Council 1980–1984, 1993–2003

 **Robert F. Wing**
Ohio State University
Council 1994–1996

 **Anne S. Young**
Mt. Holyoke College Observatory
President 1922–1924; Council 1917–1926; Chair Occultation Committee 1937–1938

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