

**Agreement between Union County College, a Corporation
of the State of New Jersey with Principal Offices in the
Township of Cranford, and Amateur Astronomers, Inc.,
a Corporation of the State of New Jersey with Principal
Offices in the Township of Cranford.**

This agreement is made between Union County College and Amateur Astronomers, Inc.

WHEREAS – Union County College is a body corporate maintaining a two-year college located in the Township of Cranford, County of Union, an institution that has served the citizens of New Jersey for four decades, and

WHEREAS – Union County College’s primary objective is to provide community college services for the citizens of Union County and

WHEREAS – Union County College owns, maintains and jointly operates with Amateur Astronomers, Inc. the William Miller Sperry Observatory at its main campus in the Township of Cranford, and

WHEREAS – Union County College recognizes the need for this facility and is amenable to rendering good and valuable educational services in the science of astronomy to its students and to the community, and

WHEREAS – Amateur Astronomers, Inc. has constructed, installed and donated a 10-inch refracting telescope to Union County College, and

WHEREAS – it is the purpose of Amateur Astronomers, Inc. to promote and encourage popular interest in the science of astronomy by holding membership meetings, conducting public forums, engaging speakers on astronomy and related subjects, holding exhibits of scientific nature, instructing and training members and the interested public in the making of telescopes and other astronomical instruments and their components, giving classes in popular and technical astronomy, developing and encouraging the abilities of its members to engage in research and to lecture and write upon astronomical subjects and to associate with other scientific organizations; now therefore

Witnesseth:

First, that Amateur Astronomers, Inc. agrees to supply technical guidance in the operation of the Sperry Observatory.

Second, that it is understood and agreed that Amateur Astronomers, Inc. will make its 24-inch reflecting telescope or a telescope of comparable size and capability, including accessory equipment necessary for efficient operation and control, available for use in the Sperry Observatory for as long as this agreement is in force, and that Union County College will make its 10-inch refracting telescope, constructed, installed and donated to Union County College by Amateur Astronomers, Inc., including accessory equipment necessary for the efficient operation and control, available for use in the Sperry Observatory for as long as this agreement is in force.

Third, Amateur Astronomers, Inc. and Union County College shall form a Joint Policy and Planning Committee, which shall meet at least quarterly, for the purpose of adopting policies and regulations for the efficient operation of the Sperry Observatory and for its long-term use, including procedures under which individuals associated with Amateur Astronomers, Inc. may use and operate the facilities in the Sperry Observatory. Such policies and regulations shall be subject to the approval of the President of Union County College and the Executive Committee of Amateur Astronomers, Inc. The Joint Policy and Planning Committee shall be comprised of three representatives appointed annually by the President of Amateur Astronomers, Inc. and three representatives appointed annually by the President of Union County College.

Fourth, that Amateur Astronomers, Inc. shall have access to the Sperry Observatory and shall have use of the equipment in the Sperry Observatory according to the schedules and regulations set by the Joint Policy and Planning Committee to be established under the terms of this agreement. The College shall have custody of all equipment in the Sperry Observatory owned by the College, and Amateur Astronomers, Inc. shall have custody of all equipment in the Sperry Observatory owned by Amateur Astronomers, Inc. If the observatory ceases to operate as a public facility or if this contract is terminated, Amateur Astronomers, Inc. shall have the right to reclaim and remove its property.

Fifth, that Amateur Astronomers, Inc. will keep the telescopic and accessory equipment in use at the Sperry Observatory in satisfactory working order.

Sixth, that an employee designated by Union County College, and not a member of the Joint Policy and Planning Committee, may be appointed to administer the policies and regulations adopted by the Joint Policy and Planning Committee and approved by the President of Union County College. In that event, he/she shall be expected to make recommendations to the President of the College and said committee regarding Observatory operations.

Seventh, that it is understood and agreed that educational programs of astronomical nature that are part of the regular academic curricula of Union County College shall have top priority over all other activities. Other educational programs shall be the joint responsibility of Amateur Astronomers, Inc. and Union County College. Should either party desire to be a sole sponsor of an educational program of activity concerning the Observatory, this is possible with the concurrence of the other party.

Eighth, that Amateur Astronomers, Inc. recognizes that final authority and responsibility for the operation and control of the Sperry Observatory rests with the Board of Trustees of Union County College.

This agreement shall be for a period of five years from the date hereof and is automatically renewable for two-year intervals thereafter unless cancelled by either party by giving written notice to the other at least six months before any termination date.

In witness whereof, we have this day set our hand and seal.

AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS, INC.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

By: _____
President

By: _____
President

By: _____
Secretary

By: _____
Secretary

Date: _____

Date: _____