

Fellowship Award to Pat Kelly

Pat Kelly joined the Halifax Centre in 1981. By 1985, he had joined the Centre council, he has been a council member continuously to the present day—30 years of service, with several officer roles, except for a brief rest in 2011.

He was also a key member of both the 1993 and 2015 GA committees.

Pat has participated in every Centre event, working long and enthusiastically to promote public awareness of science and astronomy. A highlight was his many years of volunteering in the small Halifax Planetarium. Pat was also a board member and treasurer of the Atlantic Space Science Foundation for 10 years. This organization worked to promote the establishment of a new planetarium for Nova Scotia. While that goal did not succeed, its work led to a major increase in astronomy programming at the Discovery Centre (Nova Scotia's science centre).

Pat began his extensive Society contributions by becoming Editor of the ***National Newsletter*** in 1990, which he changed into the more substantial bi-monthly publication known as ***The Bulletin*** with its first issue in February 1991. He remained editor until the beginning of 1997, when its content was merged into the new, large-format ***Journal***. Pat ushered in a new mode-of-operation whereby volunteer editors also started doing the production work (design and layout) for our publications. That substantially reduced the cost to the Society. During these years he also produced the ***Society's Annual Report***, for some years as a separate publication and later replacing an issue of ***The Bulletin***.

In 1996 and 1997 Pat was a member of the Publication Revitalization Committee which developed and launched the new revitalized ***Journal*** of the RASC in 1997. This was a major effort considering that those involved, including Pat, still had to produce the ***Bulletin*** during the development year. Pat then served as Associate Editor of the ***Journal*** from 1997-2000, and for the past 16 years, he has been an Assistant Editor of the ***Journal***.

In 2006, he took on being ***Observer's Handbook*** Editor for five editions. Pat filled the role admirably! Being an editor of four Society publications over a span of 25 years has to be some sort of RASC record.

Pat continues to devote his time, knowledge, and abilities at the Society level. At the 2015 GA, he was elected by National Council as its Co-Chair.

