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October 29, 2020

Richard Bell
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Re: 2020 GLRAL Webmaster Award

Dear Richard:

As Chair of the Great Lakes Region of the Astronomical League, I am extremely pleased to inform you that you are the winner of the 2020 GLRAL Webmaster Award, the highest honor the Region bestows for outstanding work in the production, editing, and maintenance of society Web sites and online newsletters.

I need to point out that our award committee had already selected you as the winner of the Webmaster Award, which is given every two years, before we received your name in nomination. Our awards committee had been searching through GLRAL club web sites and newsletters during the summer and was stunned at the beauty, currency, ease of navigation, and completeness of both the KAS Web site and your newsletter, *Prime Focus*.

Both of these works are simply stunning, and, since deciding on the award, we have come to understand that you have been able to produce 255 newsletters and maintain the Web site for 23 years—all while working as the longest-serving president in KAS history. That level of dedication has kept the Kalamazoo Astronomical Society in the top echelon of League clubs since the League's inception.

Chuck Allen, our League Vice-President, reported to me that he had a wonderful experience speaking with your club via Zoom recently. We asked him not to mention the award during that visit!

Due to COVID-19, unfortunately, we are unable to present the award plaque to you in person, but we would like to do so during the November 6, 2020, KAS Zoom meeting if I might

have a few minutes of your business meeting. I plan to attend to make the verbal presentation and will register to attend.

Chuck Allen has all of our award plaques made in Louisville and will be shipping your plaque to you for arrival before the KAS meeting on November 6. I may ask you to display it on screen after I make the presentation. I am attaching a photo of the plaque so you can see the plaque before it arrives.

If you have any questions regarding the award or the presentation, please do not hesitate to call me or send me an email.

I want to offer my sincerest congratulations to you on the award and, above all, want thank you for being such a major figure in the advancement of astronomy in your city and state and in our region. It will be an honor to present the award to you.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Mann

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Chair, Great Lakes Region, Astronomical League

Enclosure

**ASTRONOMICAL LEAGUE
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2020

WEBMASTER AWARD

Presented to

RICHARD BELL

of the

Kalamazoo Astronomical Society

*for excellence in the design and
maintenance of a League society
Website and/or on-line newsletter.*



November 6, 2020

Terry Mann

Terry Mann, GLRAL Chair