

SkyMapper Board - Terms of Reference

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The SkyMapper Consortium is a collaboration between ANU and the Australian astronomy community, utilising the SkyMapper Telescope to conduct the Southern Sky Survey. The telescope is an ANU-owned facility, but access to the survey data products and a portion of the non-survey observing time is available to the entire Consortium. Community membership in the Consortium was purchased through ARC LIEF grant LE130100104, covering the period 1 March 2014 to 28 February 2019.

The SkyMapper Board continues many of the functions of the SkyMapper Executive, which operated for the duration of the LIEF grant. In particular, the roles and duties of the SkyMapper Board are:

1. To set policies for and monitor: the progress of the SkyMapper Southern Sky Survey (hereafter, the 'survey'); the membership of the survey team; and survey data access and distribution process, balancing timeliness, quality management and the limited resources available.
2. To oversee the process of awarding non-survey time for specific goals not covered by the survey; specifically, to work with the RSAA TAC to avoid duplication of effort and competition with core survey goals.
3. To coordinate the SkyMapper science program and protect existing collaborations in light of the investment made by the team that prepared and built the survey; specifically, it also needs to approve the sharing of survey and non-survey data with collaborating non-Australian astronomers, and to identify new opportunities for the SkyMapper science program.
4. To oversee a publication policy and a fair data use policy, including updating them with survey progress or completion if necessary.
5. To monitor and promote the survey uptake by the user community and the impact of the SkyMapper science program.
6. To resolve all disputes within the SkyMapper Consortium.
7. To report as required to the RSAA Director.
8. To carry out these roles and duties for at least the duration of the LIEF grant and to continue thereafter until it dissolves itself.
9. To meet on an as-needed basis, with meetings called by the Board Chair or the Deputy Chair or the RSAA Director.

Membership Rules:

(a) The Board shall consist of four members from ANU and three non-ANU members. The four ANU members shall be nominated by the RSAA Director, in consultation with the other members. New non-ANU members shall be nominated by the RSAA Director, in consultation with existing non-ANU members. The Chair of the Board shall be a member from ANU. The Deputy Chair shall be a non-ANU member. The Chair and Deputy Chair shall be elected by a vote of all members.

(b) Members shall have terms of appointment of no more than three years; however, members can be reappointed for additional terms.

(c) The members may select Observers to the Board as it decides. Observers shall have terms of appointment of no more than three years; however, observers can be reappointed for additional terms.