

NMPRA Newsletter

General News

As some of you all may already know, PRA was audited by the State of New Mexico this year for gross receipts taxes. It wasn't as painful as we first thought but we did have to end up paying some taxes plus interest! The amount totaled about \$2000. We haven't received the final draft of our audit yet but that was the total cited in the preliminary draft from the state. Now unfortunately this will mean PRA will have to curb their spending habits a little this year. Don't worry there will still be excellent Christmas parties and a staff picnic but there will be a few changes to cut costs.

PRA would like to thank to all those who took the time to reply to the PRA Christmas Party survey. All of your suggestions were very helpful in aiding our decisions for this year's Christmas Party.

Fall Staff Picnic

The fall picnic for the NRAO staff and their families is going to take place on September 24th, 2005.

Christmas parties!

Some might think it's a bit early to be thinking about the NRAO Christmas parties but here's what has been planned so far!

The adult Christmas party is going to be held at the Holiday Inn Express conference center again. We have reserved a band called the Silver Bullet for the event. The date has been chosen as December 10th, 2005.

The children's Christmas party is going to take place on December 3rd, 2005. It is going to be held at the AOC Auditorium.



Call For Santas!

PRA is looking for a volunteer to be the NRAO Santa at the children's Christmas party! Anyone interested is asked to either send an email to nmpraplus@oc.nrao.edu or let anyone of the board members know.

Treasury Report

Since there has been some interest about PRA's finances here's a break down. Each fiscal year PRA receives \$15000 from AUI. PRA spends about \$300 for income tax preparation twice a year. Last year PRA had deposits totaling \$22200 (this is from AUI's contribution and snack bar sales at the VLA and PRA event ticket sales). The withdrawals PRA made last year totaled about \$22500 (\$13000 for PRA events, \$8500 for stocking the snack bars and \$1200 for birthday cakes). The difference between the two numbers is possible because of a rollover balance from previous years.

Webpage

PRA finally has their webpage back up and running. Don't criticize it too much yet because it's still under construction!

Find it here:

<http://www.aoc.nrao.edu/AOC/PRA/>

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