



## Group Introductions

### June 7: Economic Development Opportunities

Instructions: Start typing your answers to any of the following questions below the line

- What is your name?
  - Where are you from?
  - What are your organizational affiliations?
  - Some dark sky work are you involved with?
  - What motivates you to do this work?
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#### **Robert Breunig**

Flagstaff AZ, Flagstaff Dark Skies Coalition, Board Member, Love of dark skies and concern for the ecological effects of light pollution.

#### **Ron Gleason**

Eden UT. Weber COunty Dark Sky Advisory Committee. Work on accreditation continuous for North Fork Park in Liberty UT. Astrophotograher as a hobby

#### **Dawn Nilson**

Portland, Oregon. Fibonacci Enterprises, Oregon Outback Dark Sky Network, BRDSC, Rose City Astronomers Dark Sky Preservation Director. As a natural resources planner and amateur astronomer I've been doing dark sky advocacy for over 14 years. Currently working on a 11.4-million-acre dark sky sanctuary nomination in SE Oregon.

#### **Morgan Rossway**

Grand Junction, Colorado, Colorado Canyons Association, non-profit working in conjunction with BLM for Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area to become IDA Certified Dark Sky Park

#### **John Barentine**

Dark Sky Consulting (Tucson, AZ). I am an astronomer and freelance consultant working with people on the Colorado Plateau and beyond to enact lighting ordinances, develop conservation programs, and engage in issue advocacy.

**Gina Pearson**

National Park Service, Natural Sounds and Night Skies Program based out of Ft. Collins, CO. Support national park units across US in their planning and project management efforts that may have lighting impacts. The ATR with USU/IORT/ CPDSC. Working with AIANTA on night sky educational efforts. Protecting the night skies are a special resource that many people take for granted or don't think about. It is a resource that can easily be protected by our actions.

**Heidi Hoven**

Audubon Rockies Gillmor Sanctuary, Great Salt Lake Utah; serve on Darksky International Utah chapter board and co-chair lighting ordinance committee. I'm interested in reducing light pollution for birds that migrate at night through collaborating with planning personnel at county, City, and unincorporated municipalities on improving their ordinances, and contributing to data gaps / unknowns about resources birds need or issues they are confronted with during their migration.

**Anil Seth** [aseth@astro.utah.edu](mailto:aseth@astro.utah.edu)

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, IDA Utah board member. I am an astronomer and also teach in our dark sky studies minor program. I also help run a couple astronomy/dark-sky outreach programs at Capitol Reef and Bryce.

**Jackelyne Aguirre**

City of Page, AZ. I am the Social Media Specialist, I help promote tourism for our area.

**Larry Burton**

Carson City, Nevada, AIANTA. I teach Dark Sky workshops and collect images.

**Erin Nelson**

Town of Bluff, Utah. I'm the town manager and working with a group of individuals to start our dark sky designation application. I personally am very invested in the project because I moved to Bluff, in part, because of my love of the dark skies as a child. Bluff always stood out to me as an amazing place to see the stars and I'd like to see this asset protected.

**Michelle Brown**

State of Utah, Department of Government Operations, Work with State agencies for air quality best practice implementation. Work with Utah Office of Tourism on their Dark Sky efforts. Personal passion motivates the work and importance of air quality.

**Matthias Schmitt**

Dark Skies Coordinator Cedar Breaks National Monument, Founder Stargazing Zion, MSc Astronomy. AAVSO, AAS, Astronomische Gesellschaft. My office is the night sky. Beats being in New York City right now.

**Jodi Geroux**

Emigration Canyon Metro Township Planning Commissioner. Our Township is planning to adopt a Night Sky Ordinance which I have been involved with co-authoring for the past 9-months. I am motivated to preserve the night sky having previously lived in a place with immense light pollution and no ability to observe stars, and having become aware of the adverse effects of light pollution on humans, flora, fauna, birds, etc.

**Lisa Stoner** [lisa.stoner@usu.edu](mailto:lisa.stoner@usu.edu)

Logan, UT, Coordinator, Colorado Plateau Dark Sky Cooperative (CPDSC) based out of the Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism at Utah State University. My role is to connect people to the night sky by coordinating meetings like these, encourage people to explore the wonder of the night sky, and increase awareness about the importance of the dark sky resource. Be sure to check out the website for the recently released ["Dark Sky Passport"](#)