



## ***Arecibo Science Advocacy Partnership (ASAP) June 2022 Newsletter***

### **ASAP urges the NSF to publish its decision on the future of the Arecibo Observatory**

The ASAP Board has sent a letter to the NSF's leadership urging them to publicly state their intentions with regard to the Arecibo Observatory, as the current cooperative agreement contract term is due to end in March 2023. The letter – which can be obtained through this [link](#) – was sent on May 6, 2022. The NSF has yet to answer. We encourage ASAP members to share this letter with their Congressional representatives, and to ask them to communicate with NSF about this issue. You can find your Representatives and Senators [here](#).

### **ASAP Board election in June**

Board service is the crucial foundation for all of ASAP's work to protect and advocate for the Observatory. ASAP is now seeking candidates for election to the Board, and ASAP members are encouraged to stand for election. Please nominate appropriate colleagues or volunteer as a candidate yourself. The election will take place in July, and the elected Board members will serve a nominal three-year term beginning August 1. Please communicate your nominations or self-nomination along with a brief introductory statement for each to the ASAP Secretary ([secretary@areciboscience.org](mailto:secretary@areciboscience.org)).

### **ASAP Committees need your help**

Please lend your expertise and energy to one of the four ASAP standing committees, Advocacy/Outreach, AO 2.0, Puerto Rico Liaison or Admin/Operation. Committee work provides satisfying opportunities to support the Observatory's future, work with your colleagues and build an ever stronger ASAP—and work can be tailored to everyone's talents and available energy. Please contact the Secretary ([secretary@areciboscience.org](mailto:secretary@areciboscience.org)) for contacts and questions.