

## PRESIDENT'S END-OF-YEAR MESSAGE

Since it is the end of the year, it is often helpful to reflect on accomplishments made during the past year and things to look forward to or that need to be done in the next. In the past year we have moved from holding our general meetings at Washburn University to holding them at Pizza Hut. There have been a number of improvements to the Tombaugh Telescope and hard work done by the FAST team. We have had a article about us in the Topeka Capital Journal. We have had many groups and individuals visit Farpoint Observatory to let us share with them the night sky. We joined the Kansas Non-Profits Association (KNPA).

Now, the things that will happen this coming year: The Kessler building will get electricity and the fourteen inch telescope will be repaired. The board will also look into seeing if applying for grants with the help of Mainstream, Inc. is a good idea. We also need to work with the school at Mission Valley to make sure that all lights are able to be turned off when we are observing at Farpoint. Also, Bill will be our new newsletter editor and since you are reading this, that means we are already seeing the benefits from his work. If you think your input on any of these things would be beneficial I encourage you to nominate yourself onto the board or attend future board meetings. I hope this will be a good year for you and that you enjoy being a member of NEKAAL in 2007.

- Russ Valentine