Halifax Centre Privacy Policy

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The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada is required, by federal legislation, to have a privacy policy to address the collection, use, and disclosure of personal information in the course of its commercial activities. That policy can be found in the members' section of the national web site. A copy can also be obtained by contacting the Halifax Centre's national council representatives. The Halifax Centre's policy is in addition to the national policy.

The Halifax Centre receives your contact information and membership status updates from the society's National Office. If you wish to review or change any of your information, please contact the National Office directly for assistance.

Your name, address, telephone number, membership category, membership status, and, if available, your email address, are kept on the Halifax Centre membership list. The Halifax Centre requires this information to maintain its services to members, and to facilitate the coordination of Halifax Centre astronomy-related activities. These include, but are not limited to: operation of the Centre's library and observatory, Centre awards and contests, and fund-raising activities.

The membership list is available to members of the Centre's executive and may be made available to members of Centre committees whose membership may include some Centre members who are not on the executive. The membership list is not available to anyone else. Your information will not be given, loaned, traded or sold to any other person, organization, or entity for any reason.

Centre members who subscribe to the Centre's e-mail list, should keep in mind that information in their e-mail signature files will be viewed by other members of the list.

The Nova East organizing committee mails out information to the members of the Minas Astronomy Group (MAG) and the Nova Central Astronomy Club (NCAC), as neither of these clubs has a newsletter. Members of the Halifax Centre receive notification of Nova East through Nova Notes, the centre's newsletter. To save on mailing costs, the centre membership list is provided to the Nova East organizing committee so that they can check to see which MAG and NCAC members are also members of the Halifax Centre, and thus receive Nova Notes. While the Halifax Centre is one of the organizers of Nova East, any additional personal information collected by the Nova East committee (e.g. registration information) does not fall under the Halifax Centre's privacy policy.

The Centre's privacy officer is the Centre president, who should be contacted regarding the Centre's privacy policy.