



# West Valley Astronomy Club (WVAC)

## Virtual Meeting and Workshop Minutes – August 4, 2020

**Location of Meeting:** Online

**Board Members and Volunteers Present:** Bob Randle (President), John Cline (Vice President), Beth Oudean (Secretary), Bob Colvert (Program Director), Deb Bleikamp (Contest Director) and Paul Bleikamp (Events Director) along with other volunteers and club members total of 17.

**1** - The meeting started 6:00 p.m., Deb Bleikamp was the Zoom Host.

**2** - President Bob Randle welcomed everyone and asked those in attendance to view the Website Resource Page as it contains numerous resources to aid in their star gazing experience as well as upcoming webinars.

- Star Parties have resumed and are open to our members and the public, the next Star Party is scheduled for August 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Dr. Rosaly M. C. Lopes was our guest speaker she is a Senior Research Scientist at JPL and Editor-in-Chief of the planetary journal Icarus. She obtained a B.Sc. in astronomy and Ph.D. in planetary science from University College London, UK. Her research expertise is on planetary geology and volcanology and she has studied Mars, Io, and Titan. She was a member of Galileo's Near-Infrared Mapping Spectrometer team from 1991-2003 and of the Cassini Titan Radar Mapper (2003-2019). She is the PI of the NASA Astrobiology Institute project "Habitability of Hydrocarbon Worlds: Titan and Beyond". She is an elected Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Geological Society of America, and the American Geophysical Union. She has received several awards including the Carl Sagan Medal from the American Astronomical Society, the Ambassador Award from the American Geophysical Union, and two NASA Exceptional Public Service Medals. Her discovery of 71 active volcanoes on Io led to her being included in the 2006 Guinness Book of World records as the discoverer of the most active volcanoes anywhere. Topic was interesting and the photographs were magnificent.

**3** - Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Note: Minutes submitted by Club Secretary Beth Oudean via email on August 5, 2020.

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Randle (President) (MM/DD/YYYY)