



2021 Special Election – Candidate Statements

US National Committee for the International Astronomical Union (USNC-IAU)

Sarah Gibson

Affiliation: National Center for Atmospheric Research/High Altitude Observatory (NCAR/HAO)

Position/Title: Deputy Director

PhD institution: University of Colorado, Boulder (1995)

Areas of scientific interest:

- Sun
- Solar Wind
- Sun-Earth Interactions



AAS and/or Division leadership positions and dates:

- Committee Member, Solar Physics Division (2002 – 2005)

Other relevant positions, experience, and dates:

- President, Division E (Sun and Heliosphere), International Astronomical Union (2018 – 2021)
- Co-Chair, National Academies Committee on Solar and Space Physics (2017 – 2020)
- Vice President, Division E (Sun and Heliosphere), International Astronomical Union (2015 – 2018)

Sarah's Statement:

As a USNC-IAU committee member, I would work to increase the awareness of AAS members of the opportunities provided by the IAU, from membership (including Junior Membership), to symposia and focus meeting proposals, to working groups and other division/commission activities, to IAU Outreach, Education, and Development activities. I have significant experience with both organizations. I have been a member of the AAS for over two decades and served on the Solar Physics Division Committee from 2002-2004. I have been a member of the IAU for almost as long, and have initiated and led a Working Group, organized a Symposium, served on both Commission and Division steering committees, and for the past six years have been vice president and now president of IAU Division E (Sun and Heliosphere). These activities have

reinforced my belief in the importance of international collaboration for advancing Astronomy and sharing its wonders with the world.