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Dr. Tim Spahr
Director IAWN


Dear Dr. Spahr and IAWN Steering Committee,

I would like to become a member of the International Asteroid Warning Network (IAWN).

As an amateur astronomer, I have been contributing minor-planet astrometry to the Minor Planet Center since 1992 using modest equipment. Initially, I worked from Camarillo Observatory (670) from 1992 until 2011, when a serious equipment malfunction occurred with the 0.3m Helin telescope. The degree of light pollution from its urban location did not justify the repair expenses. Upon my retirement, I have moved to an area with less light pollution. The 0.3m Helin telescope has been repaired, and I have been reporting astrometric observations from the Shasta Valley Observatory (U52) since 2021. I am confident that my humble equipment can still contribute to the objectives of IAWN, having successfully captured 18th magnitude 2022 WJ1, hours before its impact with Earth.

I have reviewed the IAWN documents and agree to the terms and conditions of the Statement of Intent.

Best regards,



John E. Rogers