

J. Randy Attwood

He is a resident of Mississauga and has been looking up at the night sky for nearly 50 years.

[The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada](#)- joined the Society in 1970

- President of the [Toronto Centre](#) 1982 – 1986
- Society National President 1998 – 2000
- the founder, a Past-President and Honorary President and currently President of the [Mississauga Centre](#)
- the Executive Director of the RASC and Publisher of [SkyNews](#) magazine from 2014 – 2019.
- Chair of the RASC 2024 Total Solar Eclipse Task Force

Media

- has appeared on CTV, CBC, GLOBAL and the Discovery Channel to provide background information for space and astronomy related stories since 1981.
- has covered 12 space shuttle launches and landings as a journalist and as a Canadian Space Agency photographer.
- between 1981 and 1994 he produced and hosted 63 astronomy cable television shows called [Astronomy Toronto](#) which are stored on the Society's RASCANADA You Tube Channel.

Travel and Career

- has travelled to various places around the world to observe and photograph 12 total eclipses of the sun.
- has written High School Astronomy text book units on astronomy and presented planetarium programming at schools.
- is the President of [The Earthshine Astronomy and Space Science Organization](#), a Mississauga based not for profit charity organization. Earthshine hopes to build and run a public astronomy facility in the Mississauga area.
- on the Board of Directors of [Space Place Canada](#) – a non for profit charity whose objective is to build and run a large planetarium / astronomy/space exploration educational facility in the greater Toronto area.

Honors

- In 2005 he was awarded the RASC'S [Service Award](#).
- In 2012, [Asteroid 260235](#) was renamed Asteroid Attwood in his honor.
- in 2013 he was named as one of the first [Fellows](#) of the RASC.