Short Biography – Ryan M$^{c}$Kay

Originally grew up in Southern Alberta dreaming of law school. Always thought eventually becoming a judge would be an amazing way to help people. This lasted until the first undergrad Poli-Sci exam, where the other sciences quickly became an obviously better match. Undergrad at the University of Lethbridge led to an NSERC scholarship and graduate school. An appreciation for Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectroscopy and viruses led the short list to either here at the UofA, or at UBC. The decision was to either be very cold and dry, or cold and damp.

After graduating from the UofA, came a post-doctoral position at the University of Minnesota, and then a final PDF position at the University of Calgary. A full time FSO position at the National High Field NMR Centre in Edmonton (2001-2012) transitioned to the Department of Chemistry as NMR Facility Supervisor (2012-present). We take maintain eleven instruments (soon to be 12) and 150-200 hundred users (depending on time of year).

Personal life: Presently a father of two (first now at UofA), indoor/outdoor soccer coach, and starting to be an avid commute cyclist (spring to fall only not that avid).

**So why run?**

I was involved in AASUA council 2015 to June of this year and volunteered for period on AASUA executive along with several sub-committees. Previous experiences included board of directors for children's daycare, and schools (*e.g.* organize and run charity casinos *etc.*), work on the FSO Academic Review Committee (ARC). Now chairing of the Safety Sub-committee for the Department of Chemistry.

We are headed into a very serious period. I would love to learn how the board of governors (BoG) functions and the interactions with government of Alberta. I'm hoping that my practical understanding of the importance of NASA staff, complexities of building maintenance (or lack thereof), infrastructure planning and management involving RSO/VPR and successful CFI grants, and finally the multitude of commercial clients and research projects coming through our facilities will be helpful information and deeply relevant to the BoG.