

NASA Alumni League - Florida
Board of Directors
SpaceTEC
Draft Minutes
January 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the President Al Koller, at 11:30 AM.

Directors present: Catherine Alexander, Bill Baulig, Connie Dobrin, George English, Jim Johnson (T), Al Koller (P), Enoch Moser, Marilyn Nelson, Rich Nelson (VP), Bill Riddle, David Schechter (S), and Manny Virata; and Chuck Taylor (ex-officio)

Members not present: Lin Giesler, Yvonne Parker, Norm Perry

Guest: Bob Sieck

Minutes: The minutes of the November 19, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Financial Reports: (1) Copies of the Financial Report dated December 16, 2013 were submitted: As of December 12, 2013, the Checking Account balance was \$2348.96 and the Savings Account balance was \$4487.49. (2) Copies of the Financial Report dated January 8, 2014 were submitted. As of January 2, 2014, the Checking Account balance was \$2594.77 and the Savings Account balance was \$4603.07. (3) By motion, the Reports were accepted for the record. Copies will be emailed to the members of the Board in lieu of being included with these minutes. The Treasurer reminded the Board that he has not sent, nor does he intend to send, any membership money to National until an official receiver is identified.

Old Business:

1. Budget for 2013-14: The Treasurer presented a draft budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year.. A desire was expressed to approve a balanced budget. After discussion, a “balanced” budget was approved unanimously by the Board with the removal of item “6.1 Meet & Greet” for \$500 and item “14.0 New Projects” for \$500.
2. Audit Committee: The President deferred action on this agenda item
3. Member database: The President expressed a desire to increase our knowledge of our members, their skills and capabilities, and NASA background by including more info in our existing membership database. David Schechter reported minimal progress as of this date.
4. Status of visit to Atlantis at KSC VC: The President has delegated this project to our Program Chair Rich Nelson. The President acknowledged the role of former Center Director Jim Kennedy in arranging this reception including an offer to present a copy of his (Jim’s) DVD. As additional info is available, it will be emailed by Rich.
5. Status of HQ organization: The President reported no additional progress. He said he had offered some technical website help; however, he hasn’t heard from them. Chuck Taylor suggested he touch base with JSC then try HQ again.

The President recessed the meeting at 12:10 PM for lunch that he graciously provided at SpaceTEC.

The President reconvened the meeting at 12:45 PM.

New Business:

1. Review of NALFL Functions Current/Future Mission and Purpose

Meeting topics: In order to help provide direction for the chapter and its programs, the President led a discussion asking each director “What meeting topic was most memorable/enjoyable for you?” A list of topics generated from the survey is included as an attachment to these minutes for your reference. The President summarized part of the take-away from the discussion: “We visited our mission and agreed to focus on our roles as a social organization providing the opportunity to network with people we worked with over the years, informational aspects of speakers from a variety of venues, including those beyond aerospace, and outreach to educational activities including the FIRST Robotics program and possible added support for Space Days via the National Space Club.”

To learn more about our program experience, the President asked Jim Johnson (with Rich and/or Enoch) to try to correlate the attendance levels with past program topics to try to determine which programs were more heavily supported by the membership.

Outreach: The President indicated that if we were interested in more outreach into the community, it would be advantageous to have information on our membership experiences, backgrounds, capabilities, and interests. The capability to acquire and access that information is under work in conjunction with our current member Excel database.

2. Evaluate Current NALFL Form for Possible Structural Changes

NALFL Membership Criteria: After some discussion, it was evident that there was interest in the Board members to explore expanding our membership criteria, e.g., to include KSC contractors as associate members. With the consent of the Board, the President established an ad-hoc committee to review the Charter and By-Laws and to propose changes to the membership criteria. Appointed to the committee are Al Koller, Enoch Moser, Bill Riddle, and Chuck Taylor.

Membership recruitment: There was some frustration expressed with the apparent inability to gain access to lists of retirees to use in recruitment attempts. A desire was expressed for more contact with retirees, including letters, email, flyers, newsletters, and program information on the website. We need a newsletter editor and a videographer to record programs which can then be loaded onto the website.

The President reiterated three themes that have been developed during this meeting: Focus on Social Networking, Program Enhancement, and Broadening our Membership Base.

Educational outreach: (1) motion approved to include in the budget \$1000 for the Pink Team (high school robotic team), with further discussion before next year. (2) Space Week is a future possibility.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:00 PM.

Submitted by the Secretary, David Schechter

Next scheduled meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 2014, at 1045 AM at Radisson at the Port

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Results of “What meeting/topic was most memorable/enjoyable for you?”

- 1. Kennedy Talk (2)**
- 2. Rigell Talk – esp. history/background (3)**
- 3. CD Briefing**
- 4. Future Technology Talk**
- 5. VITS Overview of NASA Status**
- 6. Sieck Briefing (2)**
- 7. Variety of Talks including Non-aerospace topics**
- 8. Past program activities reviewed by our members**
- 9. Future of Education – including STEM**
- 10. Women in Space/Science**
- 11. Laurilee Thompson – growing up locally**
- 12. History Panel**

Additional program suggestions

ISS

Mike Leinbach

Space X

Teacher – STEM impact?

Mentoring opportunities

New Board members’ NASA, pre & post-NASA experience

Panel of retirees, e.g., Bill Jewell, Ernie Reyes, Terry Terhune