

NASA Alumni League - Florida
Board of Directors
Radisson at the Port
Draft Minutes
February 18, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order by President Al Koller, at 10:50 AM. The Agenda is [Attachment 1](#).

Directors present: Catherine Alexander, Bill Baulig, Connie Dobrin, Lin Giesler, 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: George English, Yvonne Parker, Norm Perry

It was announced that Yvonne Parker is progressing well in rehab, she is out of her walker and using a cane; and Norm Perry is still undergoing dialysis, which is being complicated by other conditions.

2. Minutes: The minutes of the January 08, 2014, meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Financial Reports: (1) Copies of the Financial Report dated January 21, 2014 were submitted: As of February 14, 2014, the Checking Account balance was \$5196.80 and the Savings Account balance was \$4603.66. (2) By motion, the Report was accepted for the record. Copies will be emailed to the members of the Board in lieu of being included with these minutes. (3) The Treasurer announced that he has sent a check to National for \$160.00 for 32 members. (4) The Treasurer indicated that he and the bank had a difference of \$100.00. The Board encouraged him to accept the bank's version until/unless it is resolved otherwise. The Treasurer reported that the Atlantis event very nearly broke-even financially, which was deemed by the Board to be a success, with the desire to have a major event each year.

4. Old Business:

Status of NALFL functions, mission, and purpose

At the last meeting, the President asked for an ad-hoc committee (Jim Johnson, Rich Nelson, and Enoch Moser) to review the speaker topics and the attendance to see if there is a correlation we could learn from for future program direction or emphasis. Jim reported that he had the attendance figures for our meetings, and Rich indicated that he had a list of meeting topics. They plan to exchange list data. Enoch offered the results of a survey taken two years ago, which listed the top **twp** topics as space program and wildlife.

Member database: The President announced that Lin Giesler had volunteered to serve as the Interim Membership Chair while Yvonne Parker is recovering. The President indicated that he, Lin, Yvonne, and David would be reviewing adequacy and efficiency of our membership tracking process and software. In the mean time, we'll continue to use the on-line or hardcopy application with Pay-Pal or check/cash processes.

Audit Committee: The President deferred action on this item to a future meeting.

Status of review of NAL FL structure. On behalf of the ad-hoc committee (Chuck Taylor, Enoch Moser, Bill Riddle, Al Koller) to review our current membership structure and to make a recommendation, Enoch Moser distributed two hand outs, "Expanding the Chapter's Membership", see [Attachment 2](#).

and “Draft Bylaws changes to include Contractors and Spouses”, see Attachment 3. After discussion of the merits and concerns of expanding our membership base, the President offered to implement an on-line poll of the members regarding admitting Contractors (with five years at KSC) as Associate Members and Spouses as Honorary Members. He planned to develop the poll, circulate it to the Board for comment, and submit it the general membership.

5. New Business:

Upcoming meetings: The Program Chair, Rich Nelson reported the following planned programs:

March 18, 2014, the KSC Center Director, Bob Cabana;

April 15, 2014, local high school robotics demonstration;

May 20, 2014, former KSC Shuttle Launch Director, Mike Leinbach, Columbia

6. Items from the Floor:

CCTS Liaison: Jim Johnson indicated that NAL needs to be looking for a new liaison to the Cape Canaveral Technical Societies. It is becoming harder and harder for him to attend their business meetings. This issue was deferred by the President to a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:40 AM.

Submitted by David Schechter, Secretary

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

Agenda, NALFL Board Meeting, Feb. 18, 2014
Radisson Resort at the Port, Cape Canaveral, 10:45 a.m. ET

1. **General Announcements; Review of Agenda**
 2. **Minutes from the 01-08-2014 meeting (Schechter)**
 3. **Financial Report as of January 31, 2014 (Johnson)**
 - **Summary of the Atlantis event**
 - **Status of HQ finances, activities**
 4. **Old Business: Open actions from the 01-08-2014 meeting**
 - **Status of NALFL functions, mission, and purpose**
 - **Attendance levels/topical interests correlations (Johnson, Nelson, Moser)**
 - **Development of capabilities database (Schechter/Koller)**
 - **Status review on Florida Chapter structure (Taylor. Moser. Riddle, Koller)**
 - **JSC status/thoughts (Taylor)**
 - **Update on Yvonne Parker, membership needs (Koller/Schechter)**
 5. **New Business:**
 - **Upcoming meetings (Nelson, Perry)**
 - **Notification to members, registration process (Nelson, Nelson)**
 6. **Items from the Floor**
 7. **Next Board Meeting – March 18, 2014, 10:45 a.m. at the Radisson**
 8. **Adjourn**
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Expanding the Chapter's Membership

Current Membership requirements:

JSC:

The membership of the NAL-JSC consists of former employees of NASA or the Jet Propulsion Lab who are current members of the national organization, being current in their dues. The amount of dues is determined by the national organization, which allocates a portion of those dues to the NAL-JSC for its purposes.

Langley:

The LAA shall be open to all former employees of the Langley Research Center, and the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory of the NACA. Surviving members of Langley employees are eligible for full membership. Contractors to the Langley Research Center shall be eligible for membership in LAA after 5 years of service to the Center.

GSFC:

Started in 1983, GRAA affords a medium for continuing communication, both among its members and with activities of the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). Membership is open to all retired GSFC-Greenbelt civil service employees, alumni and spouses. Other persons may participate in club activities as associate members (guests). The mailing list now includes about 2400 former GSFC employees scattered all over the United States and some foreign countries; however most reside in the Washington area.

MSFC:

Information not available

KSC:

Membership shall be composed of former employees of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and any personnel who were directly assigned to NASA from any government agency.

Discussion:

- 1) Should we include contractors?
 - a) Identify pros and cons
 - i) Does anyone have any idea how many contractors would like to join?
 - ii) Would this have any effect on our unique relations with the management at KSC?
 - iii) What would be the membership requirements for a contractor?
 - (1) How would we verify those requirements are met?
 - iv) What type of membership privileges would contractors have?
 - b) Should this be discussed with the general membership?

Draft Bylaws changes to include Contractors and Spouses

Full Membership shall be available to former employees of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and any personnel who were directly assigned to NASA from any government agency. Honorary Membership shall be available to surviving spouses of those described above.

Associate Membership shall be available to KSC Contractors who provided at least 5 years of service at KSC. Associate and Honorary Membership dues shall be the same as for Full Membership. Associate and Honorary Members may participate in all Chapter activities but may not serve on the Board.

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