

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

1. In the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order and presided over by the Vice-President Rich Nelson, at 10:50 AM. The Agenda is Attachment 1.

Directors present: Bill Baulig, Connie Dobrin, George English, Lin Giesler, Jim Johnson (T), Enoch Moser, Marilynn Nelson, Rich Nelson (VP), Yvonne Parker, Norm Perry, Bill Riddle, David Schechter (S), and Manny Virata; and Chuck Taylor (ex-officio)

Members not present: Catherine Alexander, Al Koller (P),

**2. Minutes:** The minutes of the February 18, 2014, meeting were approved as submitted.

**3. Financial Reports:** (1) Copies of the Financial Report dated February 17, 2014 were submitted: As of March 6, 2014, the Checking Account balance was \$2,350.63 and the Savings Account balance was \$4,698.19. (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.

**4. Old Business:**

Update on Membership Database Status: It was reported that Lin Giesler, Al Koller, Yvonne Parker, and David Schechter had been working technical issues and maintaining the database by email. They will be reviewing the content of the database and the process for new and renewing membership.

Audit Committee: Action on this item was deferred to a future meeting.

Status of NALFL Representative to CCTS: Jim Johnson remains in this position.

**5. New Business:**

Report on the NALFL Membership Expansion Poll/Survey: Since the last Board meeting the President Al Koller, with the approval of the Board, generated and conducted a poll of the current regular members to ascertain their opinion of the potential inclusion of members of KSC contractors as associate NAL members. The results of the survey were distributed to the Board members prior to this Board meeting. The Vice-President indicated that he was not prepared to lead a discussion of the results, which were mixed and needed further review at a future meeting.

Further discussion was generated when the Board was reminded that one of the reasons for considering contractor membership was to stem the apparent loss of current members and not attracting new retirees. Enoch Moser indicated that he understood that KSC Personnel was giving our application to new retirees. Two Board members said one of the reasons they initially came was the first-meal-free. The issue of retiree badges was questioned and compared to JSC, where apparently the retiree badges are provided to NAL members, not to every retiree.

Status of CCTS Space Congress: As the NAL FL representative to the Space Congress, Rich reported that the Space Congress had been postponed to later this year or to next year. Additionally, there was discussion of a desire for a large celebration for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the moon landing in 2019.

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

April 15, 2014, local high school robotics demonstration (Pink Team) in the Pavilion;

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

**6. Items from the Floor:**

Norm Perry said he would coordinate with the Radisson to verify that we were to be charged a flat fee of \$95.00 for audio-visual set-up.

Chuck Taylor reported that Mr. Beggs was recovering, and that Mal Peterson is reorganizing the Headquarters Alumni Association. Mal asked if we would consider providing a member for his board.

Jim Johnson asked if the Pink team had been advised that the funding for robotics may be changed next year. No one was aware whether that message had been transmitted.

Everyone was encouraged to be supportive of the Pink team during their visit with us next month.

**7. Next scheduled meeting:** Tuesday, April 15, 2014, at 1045 AM at Radisson at the Port - the Pavilion

8. The meeting was adjourned by the Vice-President at 11:15 AM.

Submitted by David Schechter, Secretary

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

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- 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 ~~composed of~~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.