

NASA Alumni League, Florida Chapter, Board of Directors Meeting
KSC Visitor Complex; October 20, 2015
Minutes Approved 11/17/2015

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the President Al Koller at 10:55 AM.

Directors Present: Catherine Alexander, Frank Bryan, Roselle Hanson, Al Koller (P), Bob Merrilees, Wayne Owens (T), Russell Romanella, David Schechter (S), Bob Sieck, Lin Giesler (registration desk).

Directors Absent: Dee Abraham, Dick Lyon, Marilynn Nelson, Rich Nelson (VP), Norm Perry

Review of Agenda: The Agenda, included as Attachment 1, was accepted as presented.

Announcements: **(1)** The October luncheon speaker today will be Dr. Phil Metzger; **(2)** The President welcomed the following newly elected Directors to their first Board meeting: Frank Bryan, Bob Merrilees, Wayne Owens, and Russell Romanella.

2. Minutes: A motion was made/seconded/passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2015, Board Meeting, as distributed. A motion was made/seconded/passed unanimously to confirm the results of the email approval to appoint Bob Merrilees to fill the two years remaining in the vacated Board term of resigned Director Yvonne Parker.

3. Financial Reports:

a) Copies of the newly formatted Financial Report dated September 30, 2015, were distributed to the Board by the Interim Treasurer via email before the meeting, copies were also available at the meeting: The Checking Account balance was \$2,538.90, the Savings Account balance was \$12,767.90, the PayPal Account balance was \$1,438.16, for total assets of \$16,744.96.

b) A motion was made/seconded/passed unanimously to accept the Report for the Record. Copies were emailed to the members of the Board in lieu of being included with the minutes.

c) Draft copies of a revised Budget vs. Actual report were also submitted for comment. **Open**

4. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: It was reported: 117 paid members for the 2015-16 membership year, including 10 Life members (1 newly subscribed) and 15 new members. We have reached the end of the grace period (09/30/15). Suzanne Jamieson has joined the Committee and has been contacting "Inactive" members who have been recently "Active". Note: See item 5 c) for more membership discussion.

Programs Committee: The Programs Chair, Roselle Hanson, reported the on-going work on the Programs for 2015-16. She announced the speaker for the November meeting will be Dr. Jacqueline Quinn.

5. Old Business:

a) NALFL Wants/Needs: The President reminded the Board that we still need: an Awards/Recognition chair, an Assistant Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, and representatives to CCTS (potentially covered for now by Rich Nelson's work with Space Congress) and to the brick program. David Schechter has agreed to serve as the Membership Chair. **Open**

b) Closeout of Financial Audit: In work, deferred. **Open**

c) NALFL Donations & Scholarships: The President led a discussion of two draft copies of NALFL Dues Guidelines and Benefits proposals, which had been emailed to the directors before this meeting.

1) Prorated Dues: (a) A motion was made/seconded/ passed unanimously to adopt a discounted annual dues of \$15.00 for new members who join after January 1. Other levels are unaffected. **Closed** (b) **HQ**: Left undecided was the issue of what to forward to HQ for the discounted dues. **Open**

2) Membership Benefits: During the discussion of the benefits list, two of the suggestions noted are: (a) emphasize being kept up-to-date on technological and programmatic issues and status through our speaker program; and (b) clarify that the free access to the KSC VC is only provided on days our luncheons are held at KSC. **Open**

3) Dues Distribution and Scholarship Fund Designation: The President provided two options to stimulate discussion on a policy for the allocation of the dues. The options are provide on **Attachment 2**. Other options were encouraged. The decision was deferred. **Open**

6. New Business:

a) Election of Officers: A motion was made/seconded/ passed unanimously to elect the following officers for the year 2015-16: President, Al Koller; Vice-President, Rich Nelson; Secretary, David Schechter; Treasurer, Wayne Owens. The election of these officers will be presented to the general membership for confirmation at today's luncheon.* **Closed**

b) Board Meeting Schedule: Deferred. **Open**

c) Potential By-Laws Amendments: The President mentioned two issues identified for discussion: Removing requirements (1) for Standing Committees to be chaired by Directors in Article VII and (2) for confirmation of Officers by the general membership in Article V. Deferred. **Open**

7. Items from the Floor:

a) Apollo Books: During the discussion of Item 4.e) 3), Frank Bryan relayed a proposal from former NALFL President Ike Rigell for NALFL to purchase sets of Jonathan Ward's two books ("Rocket Ranch" and "Countdown to a Moon Launch") to be donated to the 16 public high school libraries in Brevard County. Ike would take care of the two high schools in Titusville. Potential impact of 14 sets @ \$78 is \$1092. **Open**

b) Grants/Scholarship Budget items: The President encouraged the Board to generate ideas for other non-ops budget items (educational, scholastic, events, etc.). **Open** The President asked the Education Committee to consider ways to utilize the scholarship funds and bring those ideas back to the board. **Open**

8.Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by the President at 11:33 AM.

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2015, at 10:45 AM at the Radisson at the Port.

***For the Record**, the slate of officers for 2015-16 was confirmed unanimously by the general membership at the luncheon meeting today, 10/20/2015.

Submitted by David Schechter, Secretary

Agenda, NALFL Board Meeting, October 20, 2015
KSC Visitor Complex, 10:45 – 11:30 a.m. EDT

Announcements: Dr. Phil Metzger, FSI UCF, will be our speaker.

Minutes from the 9-15-15 meeting (Schechter)

Confirm Selection of Bob Merrilees to fill two-year vacant term of Y. Parker

Treasurer's Report, October 1(Owens)

Old Business:

- ❖ **NALFL Wants/Needs –Publicist (Newsletter), Asst. Treasurer, Membership, Awards/Recognition, Bricks**
- ❖ **Closeout of Financial Audit (Koller/Johnson/Alexander)**
- ❖ **2015-16 Membership Report, Grace Period Expired September 30 (Koller)**
 - **Membership Directory**
 - **Pro-rated Cost**
- ❖ **2015-16 Programs Report (Hanson)**
- ❖ **Nominations Committee Report – 2015-16 Officers (Schechter/Koller)**
- ❖ **NAL FL Donations & Scholarships (Koller)**

New Business:

- ❖ **Election of Officers for General Membership Confirmation**
- ❖ **Board Meeting Schedule**
- ❖ **Potential By-Laws Amendments – Lessons Learned (after one year)**

Items from the Floor: TBD

Next Board Meeting – November 20, 10:45 a.m. at the Radisson

Adjourn

NALFL Membership Dues Guidelines and Benefits

DRAFT: October, 2015

Proposed to the NAL Florida Chapter Board, October 20, 2015

Option 1 (25% Option)*:

- Amount Per Member Designated**
 - \$10 or more Scholarship Option \$ All to Scholarships
 - \$30 Annual Member \$ 0 to Scholarships
 - \$100 Supporting Member \$ 25 to Scholarships
 - \$250 Sustaining Member \$ 63 to Scholarships
 - \$500 Life Member \$125 to Scholarships
 - \$1,000 Benefactor/Life Member \$250 to Scholarships

Option 2 (50% Option)*:

- Amount Per Member Designated**
 - \$10 or more Scholarship Option \$ All to Scholarships
 - \$30 Annual Member \$ 0 to Scholarships
 - \$100 Supporting Member \$ 50 to Scholarships
 - \$250 Sustaining Member \$125 to Scholarships
 - \$500 Life Member \$250 to Scholarships
 - \$1,000 Benefactor/Life Member \$500 to Scholarships

*\$5 from each category goes to HQ, except pro-rated only \$2.50 is remitted.

**The NALFL Board is empowered to approve additional scholarships

The remainder of dues for each category goes to the Chapter operating fund.