

Florida Chapter NASA Alumni League (NAL) Board Meeting  
October 15, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chuck Taylor at 10:45 AM at the Radisson Hotel, Cape Canaveral, FL. Bill Riddle, Richard Nelson, Marilyn Nelson, Chuck Taylor, Jim Johnson, Enoch Moser, Bill Baulig, Al Koller, Manny Virata, David Schechter, Yvonne Parker, Lin Giesler, George L. English, Connie Dobrin.

Minutes of the September meeting were approved. New board members, Marilyn Nelson and Al Koller were welcomed.

New officers were unanimously approved. President – Al Koller, Vice President - Richard Nelson, Secretary - David Schechter, Treasurer – Jim Johnson, Membership Chairperson – Yvonne Parker.

Jim Johnson discussed the budget. He said that the budget was not yet determined. Any taxes are yet unknown. The League presently uses the Canaveral Council of Technical Societies (CCTS) tax exempt status. Our tax exempt status will be discussed at a future meeting. A decision would need to be reached on whether to include \$500 in the budget for hospitality. Chuck volunteered to assist Yvonne with membership renewals maybe sending individual email to those not yet signed up. Jim notified the Board that the checking account on October 11, 2013 was \$2,247.94 and the savings account was \$4,251.90. Luncheon invoice for the September meeting was \$681.17. Payment received was \$640.00 for a loss of \$41.17.

Al Koller wondered why there was not enough money collected last month to cover expenses. Jim explained that there was a \$45 fee for the microphone, \$110 for table, cable and presentation set up, plus a \$118 surcharge. The League presently breaks even with 51 attendees. Jim suggested that we bring our own screen, table and cable. If we can do that there will only be a \$40 charge. Bill Riddle mentioned there is a \$9.95 charge for food. Bill also requested authority to sign for Norm, and the Board approved.

Jim discussed the CCTS robotics event. There were four teams. \$751.87 went to each team. \$3,000 was taken in. There will be a Space Congress in April. Richard wondered who the customer is and who is benefiting. CCTS is looking to get constituents to make presentations on the second day. The theme will be refocusing and bringing industries into the region, and how industry could help space commercialization. Jim and Chuck met with Bill Allen to become more involved. Al, Jim and Richard will get more input from Bill. Richard doesn't know his status with CCTS. We confirmed Jim as the representative to CCTS and recommended Rich as the representative to the Space Congress planning committee.

Richard met with Valiant Air Command regarding possible meet and greet event. They want \$300 for set up and space in hangar with no food or drinks. They suggested we provide food and drinks. Chuck deferred to Al and Richard to make decisions regarding use of VAC.

Yvonne had nothing new. Presently we have 40 members. Dues are \$30 due July 1.

Next Board meeting will begin at 10:45 on November 19th and Al will provide an agenda.

Enoch receives list of retirees to be shared with Board. Board members should invite recent retirees to join the League.

If we meet with Center Director, Al asked what our focus should be. Enoch said JSC and Huntsville have ideas and are much more active with their centers than we are.

Richard would like a meet and greet but not before January and maybe in April.

Norm is having more tests in Orlando. Sheila Perry is having a few health problems now.

Mr. Beggs is doing very well.

Connie L. Dobrin  
Secretary