

NASA Alumni League Florida Chapter

Annual Report

2016-2017

Dr. Al Koller, President
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The NASA Alumni League is a 501(c)3 organization founded in 1986

Section 1: Overview

During 2016-2017 we continued to manage our membership, providing a \$5 payment to NAL HQ for each new or renewing member. The HQ Chapter filed the League income tax report with IRS and was asked for spending details. We are revising our input format to include the required information for IRS.

An active exchange of information was continued with the JSC NAL Chapter, including chapter meeting minutes and newsletters. We also provided them a shared hosting site for revising their website to bring it current and make it more attractive. You can see their new website at: <http://www.nal-jsc.org/>.

Our Florida Chapter bylaws were revised to clarify the role of the Board in setting policy and managing the governance of the Chapter. Changes are noted in Article VII. Article IV, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 2 were edited.

Using email and telecoms as needed, Board meetings were held every other month. Business activities conducted by email outside Board meetings were confirmed by formal vote each time the Board convened. The Board met only at the Radisson due to facilities issues at the KSC Visitor Complex.

Guidelines for grants and scholarships adopted in 2016 were factored into this year's plans and programs, maintaining our outreach at approximately \$4,000 in grants and scholarships. We provided a new grant to the Florida FIRST Robotics Education Foundation in 2017 and plan to repeat in 2018.

Specific items are covered in greater detail in chapter records (e.g., minutes, newsletters, and committee reports). Online resources include the chapter's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/nalfl and the website at www.nalfl.com.

Section 2: People and Partners

In addition to changes in the Board and support team, the Chapter continues to support external interfaces as follows:

- ❖ Contracts with Radisson and Delaware North Companies (DNC) are in effect through December of this year and renewals are expected.
- ❖ We were part of three special events: (1) Opening of Heroes and Legends; (2) SpaceX launch from CX 39A; (3) Update by KSC Center Director Bob Cabana.
- ❖ We sponsored a table for the NASA Alumni League during the 2016 Space Congress, and we will support that activity again in 2018.
- ❖ We continue to manage the CCTS website (www.cctsonline.org) and we will provide a League contact as a participating organization of CCTS.
- ❖ The leadership teams for 2016-17 and 2017-18 are shown on page 2.

TABLE 1. NAL Florida Leadership Team for 2016-2017

Officers for 2017	2017 Support Team	Board Members 2017 Term	Board Members 2018 Term	Board Members 2019 Term
President: Al Koller	Program Chair: Roselle Hanson Education Chair: Vacant Sunshine/Sympathy: Ann Bolton	Dick Lyon	Al Koller	Catherine Alexander
Vice President: Rich Nelson	Contracts/Arrangements: Al Koller, Wayne Owens, David Schechter Webmaster: Al Koller	Rich Nelson	Frank Bryan	Steve Francois
Treasurer: Wayne Owens	Membership: David Schechter and Suzanne Jamieson Photo ID: Frank Bryan	Bob <u>Merrilees</u>	Roselle Hanson	Bob Lang
Secretary: David Schechter	Photographer: Catherine Alexander Publicity: Bill Riddle Historian: Tom Curry	David Schechter	Wayne Owens	Marilynn Nelson
Past President: Vacant	Registration: Bev <u>Merrilees</u> with Catherine Alexander, Ann Bolton, Lin <u>Giesler</u> , Helen Kane, Barbara Moser, Cheryl Thornton, Cheri Wynn	Bob <u>Sieck</u>	Russell <u>Romanella</u>	Lamar Russell

TABLE 2. Incoming NAL Florida Leadership Team for 2017-2018

Officers for 2017-2018	2017-2018 Support Team	Board Members 2018 Term	Board Members 2019 Term	Board Members 2020 Term
President: Roselle Hanson	Arrangements/Setup: Mike Haddad Contracts/Agreements: Al Koller Education/Scholarships: Maria Tellado Historian: Tom Curry	Al Koller	Catherine Alexander	Bob Sieck
Vice President: Wayne Owens	MC and Audio/Visual: Sam Haddad Membership: David Schechter and Suzanne Jamieson NASA Liaison: Roselle Hanson	Frank Bryan	Steve Francois	Bobby Raymond
Treasurer: Catherine Alexander	Newsletter: VACANT Photographers: Larry Wilhelm and Catherine Alexander	Roselle Hanson	Bob Lang	Gary Ray
Secretary: Bobby Raymond	Photo ID Project: Frank Bryan Program Chair: Russell Romanella Publicity: Bill Riddle	Wayne Owens	Marilynn Nelson	Maria Tellado
Past President: Al Koller	Registration: Bev Merrilees and Team Sunshine/Sympathy: Ann Bolton Webmaster: Al Koller	Russell Romanella	Lamar Russell	Don Doerr

Section 3: Policies and Structure

Our goal is to remain current on space exploration activities, increase grants and scholarships, and strengthen our relationships with the NASA/KSC team.

- ❖ Amendment 6 to the bylaws was approved January 17, 2017. The role of the Board in setting policy and managing the Chapter is noted in Article VII. Article IV, Section 2 and Article VI, Section 2 were edited.
- ❖ Contracts were executed with the Radisson and DNC for luncheons for the 2017 calendar year. Contract re-negotiations are due in December.
- ❖ Membership recruitment activities were continued with an emphasis on growing the Chapter's active participants, totaling 146 as of June, 2017.

Section 4: Programs and Events

As a result of diligent work by Roselle Hanson (our Program Chair), and Bev Merrilees (our Registrations Chair), participation at our luncheon events increased again this past year. The 2016-17 programs are shown in Table 3.

TABLE 3 – NALFL Programs for 2016-2017

- September 20, 2016 – Radisson at the Port – Ronnie Lawson, ISS Research & Technology
- October 18, 2016 – KSC Visitor Complex – Tammy Sudler, Astronaut Scholarship Foundation
- November 15, 2016 – Radisson at the Port – Shawn Quinn, Ground Systems Dev & Ops
- December 20, 2016 – KSC Visitor Complex – Holiday Party, Sam Haddad & Jon McBride
- January 17, 2017 – Radisson at the Port – Garrett Skrobot, Launch Services – Cubesats
- February 21, 2017 – KSC Visitor Complex – Bob Beil, NASA Engineering & Safety Center
- March 21, 2017 – Radisson at the Port – Greg Clements, NASA KSC Strategic Plans
- April 18, 2017 – KSC Visitor Complex – Dr. Gioia Massa, Food for Long Duration Flights
- May 16, 2017 – Radisson at the Port – Larry Hendersin, HTC Computers
- June 20, 2017 – KSC Visitor Complex – Dr. Robert Youngquist, KSC Applied Physics Lab
- September 19, 2017 – Radisson at the Port – KSC CD Bob Cabana, Commercial Crew, etc.

Section 5: Products and Publications

In addition to the activities noted above, we have built upon last year's work:

- ❖ The NALFL Web Site provides links to events, briefings, NASA materials, websites, project outcomes, and member information at: www.nalfl.com.
- ❖ Our Facebook Page provides current information for the chapter, and program status is updated regularly. See www.facebook.com/nalfl.
- ❖ Newsletters, Notices, and Reports were provided. Subscriptions are free.
- ❖ Membership Badges and a Member Directory were provided for current paid members. Revisions are underway for the coming year.

***We continue to grow both in numbers and in benefits for our members.
Please share this with your retired NASA friends and invite them to join us.***