



Ames Contractor Council

Minutes

Wednesday, August 05, 2026

Start time: 11:00 am/ End Time: 11:47 am

Virtual

³⁵₁₇ **NASA Ames Center Management & Operations Updates: Amir Deylami.**

- Not present

³⁵₁₇ **Small Business Office Updates: Rob E. Watts Sr.**

- Not present
- **Presentation: Bruce Yost, Director of NASA Small Spacecraft Systems Virtual Institute.**
 - Slides/Presentation:
 - ³⁵₁₇ Bruce's career started in 1995 at AMES.
 - ³⁵₁₇ Civil Servant for 11/12 years now
 - ³⁵₁₇ 2006 started small sats
 - ³⁵₁₇ Small sats are the "Sweet Spot" at AMES
 - ³⁵₁₇ Starling, Virtual Space Institute, and others together we are responsible for making the technology missions happen.
 - ³⁵₁₇ Goal is to do missions quickly and cost effectively
 - ³⁵₁₇ We don't put a lot of management overhead costs into these projects with the hope of learning a lot out of the projects. The risk is fairly risk tolerant.
 - ³⁵₁₇ **Charts will be sent out to the ACC group**

³⁵₁₇ **ACC Business Items:**

- Introduction/Approval of Minutes: **July 2026**
 - **Jinesh made a motion to approve the minutes. Faten approved, seconded by Bob Vermillion – motion carried**
- President's Report: **Jinesh Jain**
 - Golf tournament is pressing and we need to begin planning or discussing our options
- Vice President's Report: **Bob Vermillion**
 - **Nothing to report**

- Secretary Report: **Sandra Rasmussen**
 - **Nothing to report**
- Treasurer's Report: **Mariam Rahimi**
 - **Sharing screen**

³⁵₁₇ **\$13,905.66 transferred final balance for PayPal, and internet cost**
³⁵₁₇ **Current balance: \$14,075.91**

³⁵₁₇ **Committee Reports:**

- Ames Calendar: **Faten Mansour**

³⁵₁₇ We must pick a theme. Please reply to Faten's options
³⁵₁₇ The themes are in the chat so you can respond and vote now
³⁵₁₇ Today at the Space Bar is hosting a special event for interns. ACC is hosting the table
- Marketing Communications: **Renee Mitchell**

³⁵₁₇ We have a few people to present for the next few weeks
³⁵₁₇ Once she receives information on the tournament, she will post information
- Imagination Foundation: **David Cornelius**

³⁵₁₇ **Not present**
- Public Policy: **Saba Hussain**

³⁵₁₇ **Procurement for June and July**
 - April executive order for NASA kicks in anything over 35 million.
 - All info will be sent out to ACC group
 - Broader signal – the US is very much in space race with China so the administration will keep leaning on schedules and speed³⁵₁₇ June and July fixed price shift is not just policy anymore, it's in award states now.
- Safety Outreach: **Mike Weiss/Linda McCahon**

³⁵₁₇ 2 additional mishaps in July

 - Repetitive motion
 - Another slipped off chair that had wheels
- ACC Golf Tournament: **Kari, Jinesh, Craig, Renee, Mariam, Saba**

³⁵₁₇ Saba will be having a meeting with Craig to work out some details.

New Business:

NA.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

September 02, 2026

Virtual Invitation has been sent out.

1100– 1200 Pacific

Virtual