



Ames Contractor Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2026
1100 – 1200 Pacific
Virtual

- **NASA Ames Center Management & Operations Updates: Thomas Payne**
 - Working hard on trying to move quickly on mission goals
- **Small Business Office Updates: Rob Watts**
 - We have consolidated 4 centers. Rob will be the assigned Business Specialist for AMES.
 - He plans on visiting AMES and meeting with as many as possible
 - 26th of this month, hosting first Industry event. It will be virtual. Noon Eastern Time
 - Linda has a question: Do you have a date set for visiting AMES?
 - Kari will send out Rob's email address if anyone has questions.
 - Saba question: Can you send a virtual link for the Industry Day. Kari will send it out.
 - Administrator has a time marked in March/ April but no set date yet for a visit.
- **ACC Business Items:**
 - Introduction/Approval of Minutes: **December 5, 2025**
 - Motion made by: Renee, seconded Jinesh, motion passed unanimously
 - President's Report: **Kari Gonter**
 - Today we normally vote on new members to the Council. We will cover this at the end of the meeting. Jinesh has volunteered. Bob Vermillion has applied for the VP position. They asked if we can postpone the meeting until next month, however, we will do it today.
 - Vice President's Report: **Jinesh Jain**
 - Nothing to report
 - At the happy hour he was asked about the Golf Tournament so we might want to get some details released.
 - Kari said it's been on the back burner, or we have to just move on it.
 - Renee talked to Craig to ask google to negotiate a price reduction.
 - Secretary Report: **Sandra Rasmussen**
 - Nothing to report

- Treasurer's Report: **Miriam Rahimi**
 - **Not present**
 - **Kari has the details:**
 - **Beginning balance: \$16,084.80**
 - **Ending balance: \$16,459.85**

- Committee Reports:
 - Ames Calendar: **Faten Mansour**
 - Thank you for services for Kari for the many years
 - Thank you to everyone who attended the Happy Hour
 - The bill will come soon
 - AMES will have Happy Hour Feb. 11th. Faten will host the ACC table; we will sell calendars, so if you want any, please stop by
 - Our contractor site needs to be refreshed. If you have any changes, please contact Faten
 - Marketing Communications: **Renee Mitchell**
 - Renee spoke to Marketing Director at Huntsville Association of businesses regarding their HASBAT organization, and they invited AMES Contractor Council to be an honorary member.
 - Renee said it's a great cross collaboration for both sites
 - HA
 - HASBAT – Kari will send a link out for everyone to check out and decide on whether we join.
 - Linda said we need to have some discussion before we make the move
 - Previously Kari reached out and never really got any response, so this is great that Renee has some great contacts.
 - Imagination Foundation: **David Cornelius**
 - **No grant application currently**
 - Public Policy: **Saba Hussain**
 - Nothing to report this month
 - Will have something to report next month. Saba asked if she could invite a speaker and Kari said yes. Cap time would be 15 minutes.
 - Safety Outreach: **Mike Weiss/Linda McCahon**
 - The entire 2025 report
 - 11 property damage
 - 5 type C injuries – days away or hospital
 - 6 Type D – not as serious as type C
 - 40 close calls
 - ACC Golf Tournament: **Kari, Jinesh, Craig, Renee, Mariam**
 - We will work on that

New Business:

- **Kari said - we should review the purpose of the ACC – we don't seem to help each other grow. It's just something to think about. This organization is designed to help move this forward.**
- **Kari suggested that the bylaws be reviewed regarding the Board members' ability to vote themselves in. We also should have term limits.**

Voting for new Officers. Ballot – all passed

- **Vice President – Bob Vermillion**
- **President – Jinesh Jain**
- **Treasurer - Miriam Rahimi**
- **Secretary – Sandra Rasmussen**

Adjourned: 11:47am

Next Scheduled Meeting:

March 4, 2026

Virtual Invitation will be sent.

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