



NASA Ames Contractor Council

Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2020

Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

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Call to Order [11:00] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Guest Speaker(s): Sr/Lead Procurement Specialist Christina Jones, NorCal PTAC

- PTAC (procurement technical assistance center) is funded by the DOD to help businesses compete and succeed in the government marketplace—anything related with Federal, State, Local or Government/Tribal contracts PTAC can assist at **no cost**.
- Despite the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Government is still buying and open for business with Agencies spending more on services than products.

- It's very important to keep communication open with Government clients to figure out what changed because of the COVID-19 environment
- Visit website www.norcalptac.org for more information.

Christine Munroe: NASA Representative

- A couple month ago Christine asked if anybody would be interested in participating in a virtual contracting event. Jasmine and Saba were going to hold event at the next meeting, date to be verified. We are looking to have at least 3 contractors to participate (prime or sub), and in order to do so, contractors need to submit company slide package to Kari for consideration. Slides are due by September 16th.
- The small business industry awards date has changed, the submission date for the center is October 8th. CO has to approve nominations on the form. The final date for NASA headquarters is November 16th

ACC Business Items

ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter

1. Kari approved August Minutes at 11:34 am.
2. Ron asked to change the meeting to another time since he had a standing conflict with the Wednesday meeting, but ACC elected not to. Kari will be meeting with Christine and Ron on September 14th at 2pm. If you would like to be involved, email Kari and he can send meeting invite.

ACC Vice President's Report – Mark Rowland

3. No Report
4. Question for Ron Brade: Is there any plan to open up RV parking to allow people to stay overnight when visiting the Center if they have moved away from the area during COVID?

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

5. Expenses \$-24.95 (webhosting)
6. Total Net income: \$21,021.04

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No report

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

7. Next meeting is coming up Thursday September 17th at 11am.

8. Looking to get more attendance, and host joint counseling session (starting in October)

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9. No report

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

1. Please provide information to Renee that you would like posted on the blog, specifically the 2019 Small Business Award winners.

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

2. David sent out notification to past participants in the grant process letting them know about availability of funds, but at this time no requests have come in
3. Ames Exploration Encounter is doing a virtual event for children grades 1-6

Public Policy- Sara Jain

4. NASA established independent review board on August 16th for MSR. If everything falls into place the first Mars sample could be back on Earth in 2031.
5. Virgin Galactic is still aiming to send tourists to space, but the space tourism company is also looking at how to whiz people across our planet as quickly as possible. Virgin Galactic has premiered [a new jet design for high speed air travel](#): a streamlined, Concorde-esque delta-wing aircraft with capacity for nine to 19 people cruising at an altitude of over 60,000 feet. The super-fast jet will travel at Mach 3 -- three times faster than the speed of sound

Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

6. There is a huge emphasis on wearing masks while on Center, as mask fatigue has been witnessed by Code Q. Ames rules, if you aren't in your office alone you are wearing a mask.

ACC Golf Tournament –Mark Rowland

7. Met with Kari and they are in the process of creating a Google Form survey to gauge interest in a virtual tournament. Things that need to be considered:
 1. People would need console
 2. People would need to have the game as well.

Contractor Excellence Awards – Deborah Kolyer and Sandra Rasmussen

8. No Report

New Business

- Diversity & Inclusion: Christine has the slide information that Sandra and Linda put together. She is working with the group to create action items if there are objections with the documentation.

Adjourning the Meeting

1. Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 12:01 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting

1. The next official meeting will be October 7, 2020 at 11 am.