



**NASA Ames Contractor Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 6, 2022**  
**Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS**

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**Call to Order [11:00] by Kari Gonter**

**Introductions**

**Christine Munroe**

- NASA Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) has updated their website.

**Learning Series Upcoming Events**

Date	Title
April 20, 2022	Financial Management for Small Business
May 18, 2022	<b>NASA Product Service Lines:</b> Understanding How to Navigate the New Enterprise Procurement Environment

**Outreach Events**

Date	Event	Registration Link
April 19, 2022 (Christine Attending)	SAME Small Business One-on-One Matchmaking Event	<a href="http://www.samesacramento.org/">http://www.samesacramento.org/</a>
May 11, 2022	NASA Multiple Award Construction Contract (MACCs)	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nasa-multiple-award-construction-contracts-maccs-webinar-registration-311710714137">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nasa-multiple-award-construction-contracts-maccs-webinar-registration-311710714137</a>

- Goaling information for NASA Ames and other centers is available on the mobile app. Currently Ames is not meeting the small business, but they are meeting the goals in the other 4 categories
- NASA has been having a lot of outreach events:
  - Review NASA acquisition forecast for upcoming events.
  - Look a PSL for to get an idea of upcoming requirements
  - Make sure your company is updated on the Ames Contractor website.
- Working with Small Business Committee to schedule a joint counselling session.

## **ACC Business Items**

### **ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter**

- Kari approved the March minutes at 11:11 am.

### **ACC Vice President's Report – Mark Rowland**

- Nothing to Report

### **ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain**

- Beginning balance: \$17,926.97
- Expense: \$24.95 for web hosting  
\$50.00 for Franchise Tax Board
- Total ending balance: \$17,852.02
- \$21.17 GoDaddy domain renewal fee was approved by Kari for payment.

### **ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar**

- No Report.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Small Business – Saba Hussain**

- Small Business Committee will be taking place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (April 21,2022).
- Saba and Kari are finalizing some dates for an event with Center Management. Currently TBD, more information to come later.
- Saba is working with the office of Education to schedule a visit to Chabot Space and Science Center. Chabot is looking for input from Contractors to see if anybody is interested in highlighting their NASA Ames projects at the museum. A visit is being scheduled for May to look at the exhibit and recommend ideas to highlight and add to the existing exhibit.

### **Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour**

- Total sale/sponsorship of the ACC 2022 calendars to date is \$6,147.58, we had ~\$2,600 profit from the sales.
- Calendars are still available for sale on our website either via PayPal or check payment.
- The remaining calendars that were not sold will be donated to local schools

### **Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell**

- "ACC Celebrates Tells Solutions for Women's History Month at NASA Ames Research Center", posted on the Blog March 15, 2022
- Please send Renee information on any awards, and she would be happy to write an article and feature it on the blog.

## **Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon**

- No new grant requests, at this time.
- Dave C. is reaching out the Ames Exploration and Counter Representative to see what their plan to resume potential on site activity now that Ames is at Stage 1.

## **Public Policy- Sara Jain**

- The European Space Agency’s governing council made the “agonizing” decision today to suspend the European-Russian ExoMars mission scheduled for launch in September. ESA earlier said the launch was unlikely after European countries imposed sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, but made clear today it is “impossible.” ESA officials said they are beginning to assess options, but the earliest it could launch is 2026.
- President Biden is requesting \$24.5 billion for the U.S. Space Force in FY2023, a substantial increase over the \$18 billion Congress appropriated for FY2022. Part of the increase is due to transfers from other parts of the DOD budget, but funding for research and development in particular gets a boost.
- NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei returned to Earth March 30th after a record 355 days in space, surpassing Scott Kelly’s 340 days.
- On April 4<sup>th</sup> NASA’s Wet Dress Rehearsal test of the Space Launch System rocket for the first Artemis launch scrubbed for a second time . NASA’s Artemis 1 moon mission will be the agency’s first big step toward returning astronauts to the lunar surface. Formerly known as Exploration Mission 1 (EM-1), Artemis 1 will be the first test flight of the agency’s new Space Launch System megarocket and the Orion crew capsule. The SLS rocket will launch the uncrewed Orion spacecraft on an approximately 26-day mission, during which it will spend six days orbiting the moon before returning to Earth. Artemis 1 is currently scheduled to launch no earlier than late May 2022, from Launch Complex 39B at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- Three top U.S. and European launch service providers have won contracts to launch more than 3,000 satellites for Amazon’s Project Kuiper, a constellation of satellites to provide global high-speed broadband services. It will be a competitor to SpaceX’s better-known Starlink system and SpaceX notably is not included in the deal. The massive order for up to 83 launches over five years was announced April 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the Space Symposium in Colorado Springs, CO. Amazon called it the “largest commercial procurement of space launch services in history.” Amazon plans to launch two prototype satellites, KuiperSat-1 and Kuipersat-2, by the end of this year on ABL Space Systems RS1 rocket. The schedule for all the other launches was not announced, but its FCC license requires that half the constellation be launched by July 30, 2026 and the remainder by July 30, 2029. Amazon says it is investing more than \$10 billion in the project.

## **Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon**

- There were seven mishaps in January, four in February and five in March. Just a reminder for people to think before they act. As more people begin coming on site, so remember to keep Safety in mind.
  - o The reports provide a brief overview of the incident, beneficial to go over incidents with PMs, but reports are not meant for the wide distribution.
- What is the protocol for COVID contact tracing now that we are in Stage 1?
  - o Building sign-in should/will continue until we exit pandemic and enter endemic. Verifying if this will continue

## **ACC Golf Tournament– Mark Rowland**

- No Report, event has been delayed.

## New Business

- Contractor Excellence awards are still on hold until an in-person event can be held, unless a meaningful virtual activity can be held.
- ACC Officer Elections
  - o President: Kari Gonter (Metis Technology) was re-elected to remain President
  - o Vice President: Doug Bowers (Monterey Technologies) was elected as Vice President
  - o Treasurer: It was decided that Sara Jain would stay in office for another year
  - o Secretary: Nobody volunteered for the position. Kari met with Valerie after the meeting and she has agreed to stay on as Secretary pending a vote from the ACC at the May meeting.
- Would like to discuss officer nominations months in advance, begin reaching out to candidates around November.
- Ames Management-Contractor meeting is in the works at the AmesWell (last week of April). Kari is discussing with David Korsmeyer and an invitation will go out.

## **Adjourning the Meeting**

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:48 am.

## Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on May 4, 2022 at 11 am (PST)