



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

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Call to Order [11:01] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Amir Deylami, Ames Center Associate Director

- Indoor masking is required indoors while onsite, and Ames is averaging about 1200-1300 people on site daily.
- Main focus currently is on the future of work. We are in month 2 of the 6-month experimental phase, looking to establish a check-in with the organizational directors to see what is working and what isn't. It is anticipated that 25% of the workforce will be remote.
- A leadership forum is expected in the next month or two. One of the main challenges encountered thus far has been food services on site. There are food trucks that operate near building 3, and that seems to be working for some people. Ames is working towards how to get food inside the gate, the exchange is looking at a few different options: bringing food trucks onsite, to bringing in concessions (vending machines). In addition to the food services Ames is trying to find locations where people can have social interaction.
- DEIA day: Save the date for August 18th, more information will come soon.
- Ames is working on a mentoring program and the desire is to have it include both Civil Servants and Contractors, but may start out with only Civil Servants but the desire is to include Contractors in the future. This platform was inspired by something at Langley (MERGE).

ACC Business Items

ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the June minutes at 11:18 am.

ACC Vice President's Report – Doug Bowers

- No Report.

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$17,905.36
Expense: \$24.95 for web hosting
Expense: \$20.00 (chk 1375) to Secretary of State
- Total ending balance: \$17,860.41

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No Report.

Company Capability Statement: RMV Technology Group

- RMV is recognized as the ESD Program Manager's Certification Training Center since 2014 for NASA Centers, JPL/NASA and NASA Safety Center.
- How RMV Supports NASA
 - o Developed unique educational training services for NASA & Support Contractors
 - o 3-STEP Award Winning Advanced Technology Training Program, uniquely developed by RMV in response to NASA's requirements for "virtual" training (since 2020) to meet the specialized needs of Space & Defense for Low RH and harsh environments.
 - o Suspect counterfeit training for the Protection of EEE Parts from IC Packaging

No capability presentation has been scheduled for August.

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- No Report.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- Faten did not receive any responses since our May meeting for 2023 calendar theme ideas.
 - o New Space: NASA /Commercial Space Collaboration
- Faten is opening up sponsorship slots for the 2023 calendar this month.

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No new grant requests, at this time.
- David Cornelius was successful in getting in touch with the Ames Exploration Encounter, they are working to resume activities over the next school year. No commitment yet to help us identify Title I schools for bus funding.

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- The House Appropriations Committee is warning the U.S. Space Force against starting more programs than it can afford. In a draft of its report on the FY2023 defense appropriations bill, the committee criticized the newest military service for submitting a five-year budget projection that is not credible given its “ambitious” plans.
- Launch of NASA’s Psyche mission, the first to study an asteroid made mostly of metal, will have to wait at least until next year. The spacecraft is ready, but the project team ran out of time to test the Guidance, Navigation and Control software, critical to ensuring it gets where it needs to go.
- NASA formally announced on June 24th that the Wet Dress Rehearsal of the Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft for the Artemis I flight test is complete. The stack will be rolled back to the Vehicle Assembly Building to get ready for launch. Officials were not willing to commit to a launch date, but the next window is at the end of August and early September
- NASA’s CAPSTONE cubesat successfully launched by Rocket Lab but is not communicating with Earth. The public-private partnership between NASA and Advanced Space, LLC, the pathfinding cubesat separated from Rocket Labs upper stage on July 4th but soon stopped talking to NASA’s Deep Space Network.

Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- COVID-19 Cases in Santa Clara County and at Ames are spiking. People should be vigilant, continue to mask when indoors and follow protocols.

ACC Golf Tournament– Mark Rowland

- No Report

Contractor Excellence Awards– Debbie Koyler

- Are we ready to congregate for an Awards ceremony? Is the timeframe to hold the ceremony in the next 4-5 months?
- Recommendation: we are not quite ready to plan this gathering with the COVID cases spiking, and that we hold off on planning for the time being.

New Business

- Faten would like people to send her any updates to the contractor list for the website so we can make sure the best information is available.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:43 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on August 3, 2022, at 11 am (PST)