



NASA Ames Contractor Council
Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2022
Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Phone</u>
NASA Representative	Amir Deylami	ARC		
President	Kari Gonter	Metis Technology Solutions		(760) 500-0136
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Call to Order [11:01] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

David Korsmeyer, Acting Deputy Center Director

- Center is ramping up slowly with onsite activity, COVID cases are increasing in surrounding areas, so naturally people are being cautious. Ames population increased to about 1200 people on site, and it will continue to ramp as expectations are set for work schedules.
- Working to solidify schedules on when people will on Center.
- Center Leadership is very interested in attending the Contractor get together, please send invite when the date is solidified.

Amir Deylami, Ames Center Associate Director

- Started out in Marshall Space Flight Center (first 4-5 years of his career) then went to HQ on a 1-year detail assignment to Space Technology Mission Directorate but that detail turned out to be 5 years, mostly working technology demonstration missions.
- Returned to Marshall Space Flight Center as Deputy CFO for resources and spent 2-3 years before becoming CFO at Ames about 2 years ago.
- Amir is a remote worker, lives in Arkansas but comes out to Ames about once a month.

Christine Munroe

- Christine is attending the National 8(a) Association Alaska Regional Conference June 20-22, 2022.
- Christine expects there will be a lot of 8(a) companies interested in doing business with us because she will be referencing the Ames Contractor Council website, so please make sure your company contractor information on the ACC website is up to date.

ACC Business Items

ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the May minutes at 11:16 am.
- We have been having a low turnout at previous meetings, is there an issue with the date or time?

ACC Vice President's Report – Doug Bowers

- No Report.

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$17,930.31
Expense: \$24.95 for web hosting
- Total ending balance: \$17,905.36

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No Report.

Company Capability Statement: Monterey Technologies

- Specializes in Human Factors/Human-Systems Integrations
 - o Monterey Technologies has been around for about 37 years, doing business at Ames for about 20 years.
- They look at themselves as the advocate of the end user for of complex technology.
- NASA and Navy are their biggest clients.
- A fair amount of members of the ACC are already on contracts with Monterey Technologies.

Core Capability statements will be added to the ACC website,
<https://www.amescontractorcouncil.org/>

Bob Vermillion will present capabilities at the July meeting

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- We are postponing the June get together until further notice. We are working to make sure the most Center representative is available.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- Looking for a theme for our 2023 calendar, if you have any ideas, please send to Kari so we can discuss at the next meeting.
- All 2022 calendars have been purchased or donated.

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No new grant requests, at this time.
- Attempts to contact Ames Exploration Encounter have been unsuccessful thus far. David is looking for a new contact to see about busing and more information about return to onsite activities.
- Grant applications are available on the Ames Contractor Council website:
<http://www.amescontractorcouncil.org/grantapplication.html>

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- The \$10 billion James Webb Space Telescope is getting closer and closer to beginning science operations. NASA released another engineering image on May 9th to illustrate the clarity JWST will bring to our understanding of the universe, but it is still another two months until everything is ready to deliver scientific-quality data.

Michael McElwain, Webb observatory scientist at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, which manages the JWST program, enthusiastically told reporters today that JWST's performance is even better than expected — “we basically reached a perfect telescope alignment.” He added that “this is an extraordinary milestone for humanity to have successfully deployed and aligned this large infrared space telescope.”

- House appropriators who oversee NASA's budget offered effusive praise on May 18th for NASA's space science, technology and exploration programs and aeronautics research, but pressed hard on the need to control cost overruns and schedule delays.
- Boeing's uncrewed Starliner commercial crew flight test landed at White Sands Space Harbor in New Mexico on May 25th, bringing Orbital Flight Test-2 to a close. Overall, the mission appears to have been a success despite a few glitches getting to orbit. Boeing and NASA will review all the data and decide how quickly the next step, a test flight with a crew, can take place and ultimately lead to the agency having two independent means of getting astronauts to and from low Earth orbit.
- NASA announced May 27th that the Space Launch System rocket for the Artemis I mission will roll back to the launch pad on June 6 in preparation for resuming the Wet Dress Rehearsal test. After three attempts to complete the test in April, the rocket was taken back to the Vehicle Assembly Building for several fixes.

Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- During May there was only 1 incident to report.
- Covid Cases at Ames can be found at: <https://nasa.sharepoint.com/sites/arc/SitePages/COVID-19-Cases-at-Ames-Table.aspx>

ACC Golf Tournament– Mark Rowland

- No update, hoping to get something situated in the fall. Mark is going to check in with Kari.

Contractor Excellence Awards– Debbie Koyler

- No Report.

New Business

- Kari is going to send out resumes for personnel looking for work at Ames on the 15th or 30th, but can provide more information to anybody looking for a specific skillset on an as needed basis.

Adjourning the Meeting

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

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on July 6, 2022 at 11 am (PST)