



NASA Ames Contractor Council
Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2021
Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

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Call to Order [11:01] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Christine Munroe, NASA Small Business

Upcoming Outreach Events:

Date	Event	Speakers/Matchmaking Link
July 15, 2021	Norcal PTAC and Doing Business with Federal Agencies	Both https://usbiz.eventbrite.com
July 20, 2021	2021 Virtual Gov2Biz Matchmaker	Both https://stonesriverem.com/event/norcalmatchmaker2021
July 21, 2021	National Small Business Federal Contracting Summit	Matchmaking https://www.uswcc.org/events/national-small-business-federal-contracting-summit-dc-summer-2021/

September 1-2, 2021	Department of the Navy Gold Coast 2021	Matchmaking https://www.navygoldcoast.org/register/
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Go to osbp.nasa.gov for more information on upcoming outreach events.

David Korsmeyer, NASA Ames Associate Director for Research and Technology

- Agency is trying to move into an increased tier, and increase the amount of people allowed on center. Ames is in the process of moving from Stage 3 (25% staff limit on site) to Stage 2. The plan was submitted to HQ yesterday, detailing how Ames will move to Stage 2 (50% staff limit on site) which we hope will occur by the end of July. Goal is to get to Stage 1 (75% staff limit on site). When the Federal Government exits the “state of emergency” at that time Ames could go to Stage 0.
 - In Stage 2, the Org Directors will have their own decision process on which staff they want to bring on site.

Kevin Jones, Ames Inclusion Champion

- Kevin assumed his role (1 year detail) at the end of January of 2021 and he is supporting diversity, equity and inclusion and now accessibility. There is a new strategic plan that the Agency is working on, and once that is released and completed each Center will be responsible for coming up with an implementation plan that corresponds to the Agency strategic plan.
- The idea submission period for Imagine Ames 2.0 just recently concluded. The ideas are being reviewed to make sure that the end result is a comprehensive and unique list of ideas for the Center to vote on.
- Kevin recently sent an opportunity to participate in the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Book Club. Looking to have a kick-off meeting for the Book Club later in July.
- A distribution list for Diversity and Inclusion opportunities was created, if you would like to be added to the list you can send an email to Kevin Jones, kevin.l.jones@nasa.gov.

ACC Business Items

ACC President’s Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the June Minutes at 11:18 am.
- June 4th there was a meeting between the Board of Directors and the Officers centered on companies coming to the meetings that do not have a current contract at Ames. It was decided that companies could continue to participate in the meeting (in person or virtually), but they cannot vote.
- We are going to showcase small businesses in the Small Business Committee meetings rather than during the monthly meeting of the ACC.

ACC Vice President’s Report – Mark Rowland

- No Report

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$15,033.54
 - o \$24.95 for Website hosting (internet services for our website)
- Total Net income: \$15,008.59

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- Kari will send email distribution list to Valerie, after receiving a lot of bounce back messages when distributing the minutes

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- Small Business Committee meeting from June was rescheduled to July 7, 2021
- The Showcase has been scheduled for mid-August. The Committee is meeting today to discuss a date and create an announcement to be added to the website.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- Looking for help deciding on the calendar's theme, please send Faten and Kari potential themes for the calendar by July 9, 2021
- Normally calendars are sold on site at Mega Bytes and at this time there are no plans to open up cafeteria services in 2021 so another location to sell the calendars would need to be chosen.

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No new requests for grants at this time.

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- On June 8th the Senate passed bipartisan legislation aimed at giving the U.S. an edge over China in the scientific research and development of emerging technologies. The U.S. Innovation and Competition Act is a \$250 billion proposal aimed at countering China's competition and it further appropriates tens of billions of dollars for domestic semi-conductor manufacturing capacity. The bill heads to the House where its future is awaited.
- China launches first crew to its own space station, CSS, for the first time on June 17th. Tianhe is the core module of the new Chinese Space Station, with two more core modules are expected to be launched in the next year.
- Two days before his summit with President Joe Biden, Russian President Vladimir Putin told NBC news that he wants continued space cooperation with the United States. Some Russian officials have been suggesting Russia will pull out of the International Space Station (ISS) in 2025, but Putin said that is a misunderstanding.

Separately Russia's space agency head revealed that Russia plans to send its own cosmonauts to the Chinese Space Station in the future.

- NASA Administrator Bill Nelson has promoted two women as directors of Johnson Space Center in Houston and Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Vanessa Wyche will take the reins at JSC and Janet Petro will lead KSC.
- Virgin Galactic announced that it would be opening up the flight window for its first fully crewed mission to space on July 11, and that one of its first passengers would be Richard Branson. That's 9 days prior to Jeff Bezos' planned launch on July 20 on a capsule from his company Blue Origin.

Safety Outreach- Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- No Report at this time.

ACC Golf Tournament- Mark Rowland

- Mark reached out to the Golf Course, and they said to call back in a couple weeks regarding scheduling and how many people they could accommodate if we did host the event.

New Business

- The NASA Lodge will remain (demolition has been pushed to the end of 2022) open for interns next summer.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:42 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on August 4, 2021 at 11 am (PST).