



NASA Ames Contractor Council
Meeting Minutes
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Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

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Call to Order [11:02] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Guest Speaker(s): Associate Center Director Verron Brade

- There is a newly created Team looking at the diversity of Ames' pipeline. Ames is looking to set up a Tiger Team that Eugene has been staffing intentionally over the last 3-4 weeks to make sure Ames has the right representative on the team, with the goal of looking more broadly at Ames. In order to do this, Eugene is looking to create a project manager like role that will be in place for 2-3 years to oversee the cultural changes that they want to bring about in Ames
- David Korsmeyer is setting up a Team for Imagine Ames 2.0, focusing on diversity and inclusion.
- Verron Brade would like to engage in conversation with the Contractor Community to see how they are creating a more inclusive environment at Ames. He suggested maybe using a different forum (workshop) to have a dialogue with a facilitator to learn from each other how to handle

some of the challenges that exist, how companies are adapting to the changing environment, and share lessons learned. Does ACC create a sub-committee to handle this topic?

Christine Munroe: NASA Representative

- Small Business Industry Award Information is being posted on the small business website (<https://osbp.nasa.gov/>) on August 10th. CO's will also receive the information on August 10th.
- Companies are contacting Christine to find out how they can become subcontractors to Primes, please make sure your company information is up to date on the Ames Contractor website because that is where Christine refers all inquiries to.
- HBCU Conference will be held September 20-26 <https://sites.ed.gov/whhbcu/hbcu-week-conference/2020-hbcu-week-conference/>

ACC Business Items

ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved July Minutes at 11:26 am.
- Kari is close to getting the email list finalized, if there is anybody who is not receiving information please send Kari an email and we can get your contact information updated.

ACC Vice President's Report – Mark Rowland

- Some members are still using the old phone number to connect, recommends updating phone line on the agenda with the TEAMS phone number.

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Expenses \$-24.95 (webhosting)
- Total Net income: \$21,045.99

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No report

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- Last meeting was held on July 16th at 11am.
- There was a discussion around reaching out to NASA management to talk about remote work and having a speaker present at a future ACC meeting to help address constraints to small businesses during the shelter in place order.
- There was a discussion on changing the meeting structure. Possibility combining ACC meetings and SBA. However, Bylaws state that we need to have ACC meeting every month.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- We are going to pass on the calendar right now.

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- Website and Blog has been updated with the new officers.

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- Expecting a proposal from the Ames Early Career Network to support their speaker series
- Am reaching out to schools who have leveraged bus grant in past to let them know ACC has grant money available.

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- The House Appropriations Committee released its latest funding bill for FY'21 and the bill would give NASA a total budget of \$22.63 billion for next year, the same amount the agency received in 2020. However, it's nearly \$3 billion less than the \$25.2 billion that the Trump administration called for in the president's budget request.
- NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine indicated that only \$628.2 million would be allotted for the landers. Bridenstine expressed optimism about the bill. "The \$628.2 million in funding for the human landing system (HLS) is an important first step in this year's appropriations process," Bridenstine said in a statement. "We still have more to do and I look forward to working with the Senate to ensure America has the resources to land the first woman and next man on the Moon in 2024." The Senate Appropriations committee has not marked up any bills so this amount is subject to change.
- The Perseverance rover launched successfully on July 30th at 4:50am PDT from the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida and is expected to land on Mars on February 18, 2021. The target landing site of Perseverance Rover is Jezero Crater. Perseverance will seek signs of ancient life and collect rock and soil samples for possible return to Earth.

Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- Code Q is getting a lot of reports of people not wearing masks and have begun random on the spot audits. It is the expectation of the Center that masks be worn at all times unless you are sitting alone in your office.

ACC Golf Tournament –Mark Rowland

- We are going to pass on the in person version of the golf tournament this year.
- Kari and Mark are going to discuss further about the possibility of holding a virtual golf tournament for 2020.

Contractor Excellence Awards – Deborah Kolyer and Sandra Rasmussen

- Should we consider holding a virtual recognition event for morale purposes during these challenging times? Would love feedback on other options to virtually get together.

New Business

- We have decided to pass on calendars as fundraising events this year, but if anybody has any ideas we are going to keep this item open another week, all ideas should be sent directly to Kari.
- Jack Boyd retirement (August 19th), The ACC has decided to send our well wishes with Linda McCahon taking point. The deadline is Friday, August 7th.
- Sandra Rasmussen and Linda McCahon have volunteered to take point in setting up a diversity and inclusion meeting with Verron Brade

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 12:02 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be September 2, 2020 at 11 am.