



**NASA Ames Contractor Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 3, 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**

- On the Civil Servant side, there is a projection that about 25% of folks will be on remote agreements.
- Agency of Future of Work Team is stating that if you are not on-site 50% or more then there may not be a dedicated office space, but that is a discussion that will be occurring down the road in November.
- Ames is in the midst of a hotel-study, to decide where folks on site can meet up to collaborate and have coffee.
- DEIA day (August 18<sup>th</sup>): plans have changed and the event has been postponed for a month or two to be cautious due to COVID conditions.
- Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey closed on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and historically Ames had been hovering at about 59% participation, but in 2022 ended with 73% participation.
- Mentoring Program is getting closer to kick-off, penciling in August 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am, which will inclusive of both Civil Servants and Contractors.

**Christine Munroe, ARC/AFRC Small Business Specialist**

- Call for nomination for NASA Small Business Awards, nominations need to be into Christine by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Nominations must be sent to Christine from the Contracting Officer.
- Agency Goals (June): Meeting only Small Business Goal
- Ames Goals (June): Not meeting Small Business Goals but meeting all the goals in the other categories. Small Business goal is not being met because larger procurements were funded.
- August is Black Business Month: NorCal PTAC is one of the PTACs hosting events, more information for the events was sent out via e-mail.

#### **Ken Ashford, Executive Director of Ames Exchange**

- Gala being hosted at the Chabot is rescheduled for September 30, 2022 (6pm-10pm) and they are looking for sponsors (\$10,000 level).
  - Targeting 300-400 people, depending on number of sponsors
  - Masking will be the standard for the county.
- Ames Food Services is going to be a phased approach, they are working on getting 24/7 vending at Mega Bytes.

### **ACC Business Items**

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

- Kari approved the July minutes at 11:48 am.

#### **ACC Vice President's Report – Doug Bowers**

- No Report.

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

- Beginning balance: \$17,860.41
- Expense: \$24.95 for web hosting
- Total ending balance: \$17,835.46

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

- Valerie is unable to be secretary during a leave of absence beginning in September through November and we are looking for someone to take over the duties. Kimberly Salazar will get back to us.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Small Business – Saba Hussain**

- We are working to reschedule the networking event to sometime in the fall.
- September 11<sup>th</sup>, Send Saba an email if you are interested in participating in the NASA booth at the Art and Wine festival for the city of Mountain View. Kari and Saba to discuss offline regarding booth costs and feasibility.

#### **Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour**

- Kari will send out suggestions for calendar theme, with a response due by August 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **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**

- NASA is targeting three days at the end of August and early September for the first launch of the Space Launch System rocket and Orion spacecraft — Artemis I. Officials stressed the dates are tentative, but it is at least a marker for when the system, years late and billions over budget, might finally make its first flight.
- China launched the second of three modules for its Tiangong-3 space station early on July 24th. Named Wentian (meaning heavenly palace), it is one of two laboratory modules that together with the Tianhe core module launched last year will comprise the approximately 70 Metric Ton space station. Still small compared to the 420 MT International Space Station, it nonetheless is a significant step forward for China’s human spaceflight program.
- The new head of Russia’s space agency reiterated on July 26<sup>th</sup> what his predecessor said in the past that Russia plans to leave the International Space Station and build its own space station. Contrary to the agreement signed between the United States and Russia to fly each other’s crew members to form the ISS through June 2025. The White House and NASA stressed they have received no official notification of Russian plans to withdraw. Two days later the new head of Russia’s Space Agency clarified that Russia is not planning to suddenly leave the International Space Station partnership in 2024 as some media reports said earlier in the week. They are assessing how much longer Russian modules can last in preparing for what comes next. He reiterated that Russia will fulfill it’s commitment to the other ISS partners and provide required one year notice when the times comes.
- NASA astrophysicist and Nobel Prize winner John Mather is “thrilled and relieved” with the images and data coming from the James Webb Space Telescope. Often heralded as the “father” of NASA’s newest great observatory, Mather has been with the project from the beginning in 1995. His sentiments undoubtedly are shared by the hundreds of scientists, engineers, technicians, managers, lobbyists and politicians who stuck with JWST over the decades and now see the fruits of their resolve.

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

- Activities and COVID cases are increasing. Employers determine when something is a reportable or not, and Code Q is beginning to ask that these cases be considered as OSHA recordables if it is proved that transmission happens at work.

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

- No Report

## **Contractor Excellence Awards– Debbie Koyler**

- No Report

## **New Business**

- No Report

### **Adjourning the Meeting**

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 12:04 pm.

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on September 7, 2022, at 11 am (PST)