



NASA Ames Contractor Council
Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2023
Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

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Call to Order [11:02] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Amir Deylami, Center Associate Director:

- The Agency Administrator is on a South American tour. He is meeting with a lot of heads of state to sign the Artemis Accords (27 nations have signed so far).
- Glen Delgado, the head of small business programs at HQ announced his retirement after 17 years. He will be returning at the end of the calendar year 2023.
- Congress is on recess currently, so we do not have an appropriation, there is not a lot of talk on CR but it is a possibility.
- Ames ranked 3rd in participation for the FEV survey
- HQ OSI (office of strategic infrastructure) is coming to town later in August to discuss challenges at Ames.
- Interim Office Space Guidance for ARC was sent out (currently for CS, something comparable will be coming out via procurement soon):
 - o Teleworkers and Onsite employees working onsite at ARC 60% or more will **generally be provided an assigned workspace**

- o Teleworkers working onsite at ARC less than 60% a week **will not be guaranteed or provided an assigned workspace**
- o Remote Workers **will not be provided an assigned workspace.**

Christine Munroe, Small Business Specialist:

- The Learning Series is still on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1pm ET
- Small Business Goals (effective July 2023):
 - o Agency is currently not making any of their small business goals (Small Business, SDB, WOSB, HUBZone, SDVOSB)
 - o NASA Ames is currently making all their small business goals (Small Business, SDB, WOSB, HUBZone, SDVOSB)
- The Call for NASA ARC Small Business Industry Awards is out. Nominations need to be submitted to Christine Munroe **via the CO** no later than September 15, 2023.

ACC Business Items

ACC President’s Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the July minutes at 11:23 am.
- Kari will not be running for President in 2024, and is willing to help prepare someone who is interested in running for the position.

ACC Vice President’s Report – Vince DeFrancisci

- No Report

ACC Treasurer’s Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$18,515.80
- Expense: \$24.95 (web hosting)
- Total ending balance: \$18,490.85

ACC Secretary’s Report – Valerie Escobar

- No Report

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- No Report.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- Calendar theme: NASA Ames contribution towards AI and the latest technology paving the way for the future.
- Requests for sponsorship e-mails will be going out in the next couple weeks:

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report, but please send photos you would like to be featured on the blog.

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No grant applications currently.

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- To celebrate the one-year anniversary of the first science-quality images from the James Webb Space Telescope, NASA and its JWST partners released a stunning image of a star-forming region 390 light years away. That is nearby, cosmically speaking, allowing an unobstructed view of the stellar nursery.

Launched on Christmas Day 2021, the \$10 billion space telescope took a month to reach its destination a million miles from Earth, unfolding itself along the way in a series of nail-biting deployments. Five months of commissioning the telescope's instruments followed and a few test images were released. But it was just one year ago today that NASA and its partners, the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency, held the big reveal of science-quality images.

President Biden tweeted one year ago, "NASA released an image from the James Webb Space Telescope that reminded us America can do big things. Today, they've done it again."

- The House and Senate left town Thursday, a day earlier than planned, eager to begin their summer break. The Senate is gone for five weeks, the House for six. While both succeeded in passing their FY2024 defense authorization bills and getting the defense appropriations bills through committee, they will return in September with a hefty to-do list before FY2024 begins on October 1.
- President Biden has decided to keep the headquarters for U.S. Space Command in Colorado, reversing a decision then-President Donald Trump made in his final days in office to move the command to Alabama.

Safety Outreach- Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- July report has not been received yet, no additional items to report.

ACC Golf Tournament- Kari Gonter and Trey Croom

- We need to set a date for the event. Golf Club at Moffett Field needs 30-45 days' notice of the event and requires a \$500 deposit.
- We also need to set the price to participate and decide on menu options.

Contractor Excellence Awards- Debbie Koyler

- No Report.

New Business

- Please make sure your company information is updated on the website.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:46 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on September 6, 2023, at 11 am (PST).