



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

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Call to Order [11:01] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

No NASA Representative present.

ACC Business Items

ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved November Minutes at 11:03am.

ACC Vice President's Report – Mark Rowland

- No Report

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$20,308.19
 - o \$24.95 for Website hosting (internet services for our website)

- o The check was mailed out to Grail Family Services for the Imagination Foundation grant in the amount of \$2,000 on November 30th, but has not been received by Leslie Flowers yet.
 - o Working on getting \$600 refunded for the Wix annual fees that were charged last year and this year.
- Total Net income: \$ 20,283.24

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No Report

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- The slide presentation is in the process of being finalized. When Saba is done the package will be circulated for people to review.
- Once the package is finalized there will be a discussion on how to best present the material.
- Sandra, Saba and Kari are planning to meet on Friday, December 4th to finalize the slide template.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- No calendar will be made for 2020

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No report

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No additional requests received at this time.

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- Space Force will celebrate its first anniversary on December 20th and is the 6th military service.
- On November 23rd China's Chang'e-5 launched a kickoff of a 23 day mission to bring back the first lunar sample's to Earth since the 1970's. If all goes according to plan Chang'e-5 will bring its harvest back to Earth in mid-December joining the US and Russia/Soviet Union as the only countries to bring back lunar samples. NASA congratulated China on the launch but also wondered if China would share the samples with the international space community as both the US and Soviet Union did in the 1970's.
- 2020 Nobel prize in Physics was divided, ½ to Roger Penrose for the discovery that black hole formation is a robust prediction of the general theory of relativity", the other half jointly to Reinhard Genzel and Andrea Ghez "for the discovery of a supermassive compact object at the center of our galaxy." Andrea Ghez is an American astronomer and professor in the department of Astronomy and Physics at the University of California.

Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- Jacobs had a first aid close call. They put a lot of effort into building COVID barriers, a lot of plexy glass went in to all their facilities to isolate people. One of the employees bumped a temporary plexy

glass barrier and it fell and hit the employee in the head. The employee received a cut on the side of her head and she almost needed stitches. Warning: Some of the COVID systems aren't necessarily the safest so it's important to watch our step

- Santa Clara County has cracked back down on COVID. They are in Purple "widespread" tier, and at 12:01am on Monday the county instituted a mandatory 14 day quarantine for anybody coming from over 150 miles. There is a clause in the edict that if you are supporting an essential government project they are exempt to the requirement.

ACC Golf Tournament –Mark Rowland

- No responses were received for the e-gaming invite that was sent out. After researching further, there is not a game that will apply to what we are looking for without having expenses all over the place.

Contractor Excellence Awards – Deborah Kolyer and Sandra Rasmussen

- Created a nomination form that will be sent out to the group.
- Next Steps, decide timing and start sending out the nomination forms and making them available to all Contractors.

New Business

- With us being away from each other, what are we missing? Should Kari be arranging for guest speakers to join monthly? What else can any of us do to make each of us more aware? Send Kari an email if you have any ideas.
 - o A speaker is always good, it helps keep the ACC following and it can be more about how to
 - o It is in the by-laws that the NASA Representative is a non-voting part of the committee, so it is almost a requirement that we have someone from Center management attend the meetings.
 - One of the reason people started participating in ACC is because they got a little face time with Center Management, which is why the introductions are so important.
 - Mike Weiss has contacts within NASA (not directorate level, but maybe the safety office, Division Chiefs) someone who can give us thoughts on how things are going with COVID and what the plan is to reopen. NASA people are non-voting, but it's good for them to be involved and to know that the ACC is kicking in and helping out.
- Mike has been sending out the invites for monthly meetings while Kari has been working on a whole new email list, and it will be sent out to all the members.
 - o Possible solution is to use excel: Maybe we put our ACC contact list on the website under documents and have people update once in a while.
- Kari used his \$500 discretionary budget to donate to the CFC on behalf of the ACC

- January ACC Meeting, maybe shift the meeting to a little later and make it a happy hour and Holiday celebration
- 2021 Elections: We will start discussing candidates in February and hopefully vote to have new officers take over in March. Mike is taking the action to ensure voting integrity and security.
- Any news on CR and the impacts of a government shutdown?
 - o No news on CR at this time.
- Center Access: What is everyone hearing about when we will return to “normal” operations?
 - o Kari heard June is the target to bring people back into the office, but nothing has been said officially.
 - o Please send Kari any information you hear from credible sources.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on January 6, 2021 at 4 pm (PST).