



## NASA Ames Contractor Council

### Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023

Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>M/S</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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### Call to Order [11:02] by Kari Gonter

#### Introductions

**David Korsmeyer attended. Siting in for Amir who is on vacation.**

We are working on Future of Work activity. Trying to get our hands on HVAC and room leakage problems. Making sure we have the proper footprint for center needs. Please work with your Contracting Officer and let them know how many staff will be onsite or full-time remote workers to scale the needs for the buildings going forward. Let your CORs know as well.

The center is focusing on taking care of our buildings since they were not taking care of them during the shutdown.

Technical Fronts – Supported Artemis and doing analysis on how well the heatshields preformed.

At Building 3 - There is information about the different Artemis missions. We're planning for a human mission to Mars and talks are ongoing about the technologies and capabilities needed for

that. Ames has a lot of the needed requirements to make this happen. Ames is well placed for the next steps coming up in space exploration.

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

**No Report – Not available today**

### **ACC Business Items**

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

1. Kari approved the December minutes at 11:03 am. Kari talked to Christine Munroe about virtually attending other center contractor council meetings to see if there are any takeaways that would be useful for Ames.
2. Kari thanked Faten for setting up a great holiday party.

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

3. No Report.

#### **ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain See saras report**

4. Beginning balance: \$22,942.73
5. Addition: \$1,221.77 for calendar sales and contributions
6. Expense: \$1,329.00 for ACC Happy Hour Catering and \$24.95 for web hosting
7. Total ending balance: \$22,810.55

#### **ACC Secretary's Report – Kimberly Salazar**

8. No report

### **Committee Reports**

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

Not present. Jasmine not present.

#### **Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour**

There are calendars still for sale. If you have an event that Faten can sell them at, please let her know. If the center is having a Happy Hour, that would be a good place to sell them.

#### **Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell**

Send Renee pictures from the ACC holiday party. She will post them on the blog.

#### **Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon**

No new application at this time. Thanked Faten for a great holiday party!

## **Public Policy- Sara Jain Get report from Sara**

### **FY2024 BUDGET BATTLES HEATING UP**

With House Republicans asking to cut government spending, FY2024 budget battles are heating up already. The budget request hasn't even been submitted yet, but the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee is asking agencies to outline the impact if their budgets were rolled back to FY2022 levels as some Republicans are proposing. Also, the Aerospace Industries Association sent a letter to congressional leaders calling for DOD, NASA and FAA funding to be protected.

### **VIGILANCE ON 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SPACE SHUTTLE COLUMBIA TRAGEDY**

January 26th was the annual Day of Remembrance when NASA honored astronauts who lost their lives in the pursuit of exploration and focused on the Space Shuttle Columbia crew who perished 20 years ago on February 1, 2003. Current and former officials urged continued vigilance to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past.

### **BOB AND DOUG RECEIVE CONGRESSIONAL SPACE MEDAL OF HONOR FROM VP HARRIS**

The astronaut duo who flew the first Crew Dragon to orbit and became affectionately known to the public simply as Bob and Doug accepted the Congressional Space Medal of Honor from Vice President Kamala Harris on January 26th at the White House. Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley retired from NASA and now work in the aerospace industry, but will go down in history for restoring America's ability to launch American astronauts on American rockets from American soil nine years after the final space shuttle flight.

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

1. 3 new mishaps in December. Riding a bicycle and lost control and fell. Ankle injury while walking on center. Watch for uneven surfaces. Worker stepped into an unguarded drain. No numbers for January yet.
2. VPP ongoing. Last week 8 OSHA inspectors were onsite to review our process for recertification of Ames VPP recertification. Shared a number of challenges and areas of excellence but we're on waiting on the official report.

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

3. No Report – Per Kari, pretty sure we will have one this year.

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

4. Asked if people are using the auditorium. The center is still pretty empty. Kimberly has an event in the auditorium on 2/22 that will also have Teams meeting running. She will let Debbie know how that went.

## **New Business**

### **New Council positions are as follows:**

Kari Gonter will continue as President.

Vince Defrancisci voted in as Vice President. Kari will let him know.

Sara Jain will continue as our treasurer.

Valerie Escobar is back and will take over as Secretary again.

Asked for more participation from members who are haven't stepped up before in an ACC positions. Linda suggested doing co-positions such as co-President.

### **Adjourning the Meeting**

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:40 pm.

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on March 1, 2023, at 11 am (PST).