



**NASA Ames Contractor Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 6, 2021**  
**Meeting held virtually via Microsoft TEAMS**

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**Call to Order [4:02] by Kari Gonter**

**Introductions**

No NASA Representative present.

**ACC Business Items**

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

- Kari approved December Minutes at 4:03pm.
- Kari is looking to get speakers lined up for the next meeting, and David Korsmeyer should be introducing himself at the February meeting.

**ACC Vice President's Report – Mark Rowland**

- No Report

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

- Beginning balance: \$20,283.24
  - o \$24.95 for Website hosting (internet services for our website)

- o Wix refunded \$900.00 for annual fees that were incorrectly charged
- o \$2,000 check was received by Grail Family Services for their Imagination Foundation Grant.
- Total Net income: \$18,958.29

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

- No Report

## **Committee Reports**

### **Small Business – Saba Hussain**

- No Report

### **Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour**

- No Report

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

- No Report

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

- No Report

### **Public Policy- Sara Jain**

2020 Recap:

- October 20, 2020 OSIRIS REx approached Bennu and successfully collected a sample. OSIRIS REx was launched September 8, 2016, flew past Earth September 22, 2017 and met Bennu December 2, 2018. It spent the next several months analyzing the surface to find a suitable site to extract the sample. Although it was successful in collecting the sample, some of the sample escaped when the flap that should have closed the sampler head was jammed open by large rocks. NASA is confident that they will be able to retain between 400 grams and 1 Kg of sample material, well in excess of the 60 gram minimum target. OSIRIS REx is scheduled to return with the sample on September 24, 2023.
- On October 13, 2020 eight countries signed the Artemis Accords establishing 4 vital principles for partners with the target of landing the first woman on the moon by 2024. Joining the United states in the Accords are: Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom, more countries are expected to sign later.
- September 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, NASA stated their focus on workforce diversity, Administrator Bridenstine added Inclusion as NASA's 5<sup>th</sup> core value, the other four values being safety, integrity, teamwork, and excellence.
- In 2020 NASA's astronaut Christina Koch, broke the woman's longest space flight record. She made the most of the first trip to the International Space Station by logging in 328 days and broke previous record of 289 days, conducting the first all-female spacewalk alongside fellow NASA astronaut Jessica Meir.
- 2020 was the year of Mars Missions.

- o The United Arab Emirates launched Hope (orbiter) on July 19, 2020
- o China launched Tianwen-1 (with an orbiter, lander, and rover) on July 23, 2020
- o The United States launched Perseverance Rover on July 30, 2020
- December 18<sup>th</sup> 2020, after 23 days, China's Chang'e-5 lunar capsule returned to work. It carried cargo of more than 4 lbs of moon rocks and other debris. Chang'e-5 is named after Chinese goddess of the moon, and China's space agency shared that they will share their findings with global community.

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

- People are focused on safety and separating themselves per protocols and so far this has been fairly successful.
- There was one First Aid (or close call) in December from tripping over an extension cord.

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

- No Report

### **Contractor Excellence Awards – Deborah Kolyer and Sandra Rasmussen**

- No Report, but by next meeting should have a schedule to share.

### **New Business**

- Linda McCahon said she could arrange to have someone from Code Q to speak at a future meeting, what sort of information would the ACC be interested in hearing?
  - o Are the COVID-19 prevention measures working?
  - o Does Ames think they are doing well?
  - o What is the plan to get everyone back to work?
  - o What does 2021 look like for NASA Ames?
- What are people doing with their own companies to engage employee workforce?
  - o Monthly Socials: online Bingo, scavenger hunts, charades, House Party App, virtual tastings

### **Adjourning the Meeting**

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 5:14 pm.

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on February 3, 2021 at 11 am (PST).