



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

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Call to Order [11:03] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

David Korsmeyer

- Ames has had a few more instances of both CS and Contractor staff contracting COVID, but no actual traceable cases of person-to-person transmission have resulted after contact tracing was completed
- Ames is continuing to require masks be worn on site and are encouraging the use of KN-95/N95 mask over cloth masks, when possible. NASA is evaluating if they can afford to provide these masks to personnel coming forward.
- While Ames was approved to increase occupancy to 50% in December, in practice onsite presence has remained at 25%. Due to Omicron and some increased transmission opportunities, the Orgs are being asked to be cautious about increasing on site staff.

ACC Business Items

ACC President's Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the December minutes at 11:14 am.
- Holiday Party , which was scheduled for January 13, 2022 from 4pm to 7pm at Michaels restaurant, has been postponed indefinitely.

ACC Vice President's Report – Mark Rowland

- No Report

ACC Treasurer's Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$15,253.47
- Expense: \$24.95
 - o \$24.95 Webhosting for Cruzio
- Credit: \$6,003.35
 - o \$200.00 cash deposit for calendar sales
 - o \$5,778.35 PayPal transfer for calendar sales
- Total ending balance: \$21,231.87
- A check still needs to be sent to the Print Shop for the ACC 2022 Calendars.

ACC Secretary's Report – Valerie Escobar

- No Report

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- Small Business Industry Day, looking into doing something with just the current Contractor Management and Ames Management. Gathering would be informal and a chance to talk to Center Management in person at the AmesWell.
 - o A date really can't be selected at this point due with the uncertainty and COVID surges, but something we will keep on the radar.
- The Committee still meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, and Saba needs to tag-up with Christine to schedule the next joint counselling session.

Ames Calendar– Faten Mansour

- There is still a need to have people volunteer to sell calendars, we have about 200 calendars available for sale
 - o A center wide announcement will go out alerting the Ames community that there are calendars for sale.

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No new requests for grants.
- Working on confirming that the Ames Early Career Network will provide an update on their Guest Speaker series at the February 2022 ACC meeting.

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- The U.S. Space Force is celebrated its second birthday on December 20th. Space Force officials say the first year was about inventing this new military service and the second on putting it into action.

Birthday congratulations were tweeted by everyone from President Biden to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin and Congressman Mike Rogers, one of the key congressional leaders in creating the Space Force, the first new military service since the Air Force was established in 1947.

- On December 27th President Biden signed the FY2022 National Defense Authorization Act into law, the 61st year in a row the massive policy bill has made it over the finish line. The U.S. Space Force would get a significant increase over last year and above the President's request if the appropriators follow suit, although all the FY2022 appropriations are stuck in limbo right now so there are no guarantees
- NASA announced on December 31st that the Biden Administration is committed to operating the International Space Station through 2030, a six-year extension. The sudden statement comes one day after a tense conversation where Russian President Vladimir Putin reportedly told President Joe Biden that any more U.S.-imposed sanctions could result in a "complete rupture" in relations. Russia is a major partner in the ISS. The ISS is a partnership among the United States, Russia, Canada, Japan, and 11 European countries working through the European Space Agency.
- The James Webb Space Telescope was lofted into space today to begin a month-long journey to its destination a million miles from Earth. Once there, it will observe the universe in infrared wavelengths, revealing the earliest era of the universe when galaxies were being formed. It has taken many more years and billions of dollars than planned to get to this point, but scientists are confident the knowledge gained from its discoveries will be well worth it. Five days after launch, NASA's new James Webb Space Telescope is checking off one box after another unfolding itself in route to its destination a million miles from Earth. Many more steps are required, but so far so good.

Safety Outreach– Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- Currently Ames is following Santa Clara county guidelines as it relates to COVID mask and social distancing requirements.
- Accident Report: November: 5 close calls, December: 2 close calls. Details are unknown at this time, incident classification is still pending

ACC Golf Tournament– Mark Rowland

- Kari is going to talk to Mark about whether this event should be planned given the current COVID surge.

New Business

- A poll will be sent out to ACC mailing list asking companies to volunteer COVID vaccination information for onsite staff that will be shared back with NASA Ames.
- Contractor Excellence awards are still on hold until an in-person event can be held, unless a meaningful virtual activity can be held. Kari is going to connect with Debbie to discuss.

Adjourning the Meeting

- Kari Gonter adjourned the meeting at 11:43 am.

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on February 2, 2022 at 11 am (PST)