



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

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Call to Order [11:02] by Kari Gonter

Introductions

Christine Munroe, NASA Small Business

- Introducing Marvin Horne, Informational Technology Service Procurement Officer. His office is located at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. He is responsible for planning and implementing acquisition strategies, issues and solicitations for IT support contractors.

Marvin Horne, Director of NASA's IT Procurement Office

- Has been working with Small Business Specialists to engage with contractor work force to introduce the new IT procurement office and bring awareness to it, as well as provide a Q&A space in case anybody has questions.
- The IT Procurement Office is a new endeavor that the Agency embarked on in October 2020
 - Established to enable the Agency to leverage special practices in regards to IT contracts, create standardization in the procurement process, and enable the Agency to keep pace with the constant changes in the IT world.

- Reports directly to Headquarters, and their primary partner is the Agency CIO and then each local CIO. While the IT Procurement Office is hosted out of Goddard, they are a Headquarters unit and office staff is dispersed across the Agency.
- Since October IT Procurement has been re-aligning their contract personnel from all the different Centers, transitioning all the contracts over to the new office. The initial portfolio consists of 3 major portfolios:
 - Enterprise Contracts—historically procured and administered out of NSSC
 - Local IT Contracts—all the individual Center IT contracts
 - SEWP Program Office

ACC Business Items

ACC President’s Report – Kari Gonter

- Kari approved the February Minutes, as revised, at 11:15 am.
- Kari is looking to reschedule meeting with David Korsmeyer, and is looking forward to having him join our April meeting. If there is another conflict, Kari will meet with David Korsmeyer ahead of time so he can convey important Center information on his behalf.

ACC Vice President’s Report – Mark Rowland

- No Report

ACC Treasurer’s Report – Sara Jain

- Beginning balance: \$19,133.34
 - \$24.95 for Website hosting (internet services for our website)
- Total Net income: \$19,108.39
- Sara has contacted ECN to collect bank details to set-up the payment for the Imagination Foundation Grants that were approved in our February meeting.
- 2020 CFC donation did not go out, so we are going to hold on to the \$500 donation and plan to donate at a later date.

ACC Secretary’s Report – Valerie Escobar

- The amendment to the February minutes (which were approved at 11:15 am) was a name correction for Christine Munroe, originally input as Christine Monroe.

Committee Reports

Small Business – Saba Hussain

- There was a discussion to have joint counseling sessions to highlight companies, but the committee received very low responses from the group. Looking to get opinion on whether we want to still pursue virtual highlights or do we hold off until we are back to “normal” Center Operations?

- Kari will distribute the Company Capability PowerPoint deck to the email distribution list after he receives the finalized deck from Saba.

Ames Calendar- Faten Mansour

- Ames Calendar will be taken off the Committee Reports next month

Marketing and Communications - Renee Mitchell

- No Report

Imagination Foundation – David Cornelius and Linda McCahon

- No new requests received.

Public Policy- Sara Jain

- On February 18, 2021, after a seven month journey, NASA's Perseverance rover successfully touched down on Mars. Perseverance survived the seven minutes of terror descending through the Mars atmosphere, safely settling on the surface. President Biden was one of the first to congratulate NASA on the historic success.
- On February 2nd the latest Space X prototype rocket launched successfully but exploded on impact during an attempted landing. Starship prototype SN9 went up 32,800 feet in altitude, the Space-X principal integration engineer said "we had, again, another great flight up. We just have to work on that landing a little bit."
- According to White House Press Secretary, Jen Psaki, the Biden Administration supports Artemis Program and Space Force
- On February 9th, the UAE Hope probe successfully entered Mars Orbit after seven months journey. The UAE turns 50 this year and this mission is intended to celebrate that anniversary and to convey hope for the future.
- On February 10th China became joined the club of countries and space agencies to put a spacecraft into orbit around Mars. China's Tianwen-1 spacecraft entered orbit less than 24 hours after the UAE's Hope probe. In a few months China's Tianwen-1 will detach a lander rover to descend to the surface of Mars, and for now US is the only country to land successfully on Mars.

Safety Outreach- Mike Weiss and Linda McCahon

- Center has remained at about the same status as it has been. A notification was sent out last week that there are different types of PPE that are no longer allowed (gaiter and ski masks).

ACC Golf Tournament –Mark Rowland

- ACC Golf Tournament will be taken off the Committee Reports next month

Contractor Excellence Awards – Deborah Kolyer and Sandra Rasmussen

- Contractor Excellence Awards will be taken off the Committee Reports next month and reports will resume when Ames opens up for "normal" operations.

New Business

- Elections:
 - o Kari Gonter has nominated himself to remain President, and the vote has passed

- Valerie Escobar has nominated herself to remain Secretary, and the vote has passed
- Mark Rowland has nominated himself to remain Vice President, and the vote has passed
- Ames Exchange Council had a meeting last month and the following was discussed:
 - There is no food service being offered on Center and it might not be until 2022 that they are able to resume food service, the population is too low.
 - The Lodge has one person working currently, they will be shutting it down temporarily if the business starts operating at a loss
 - Officialnasagear.com, is run by the Ames Exchange Council and is the best way to support the Exchange
 - March 18th at 11am is the next Small Business Meeting
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Adjourning the Meeting

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

Next Scheduled Meeting

- The next official meeting will be held virtually on April 7, 2021 at 11 am (PST).