

**Langley Alumni Association**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

**Call to Order and Meeting Overview:** Damodar Ambur called the June 8<sup>th</sup> LAA Board Zoom meeting to order at 1:01 PM.

**Attendance:** A quorum (14) of voting members (and proxies) was present: Damodar Ambur (plus proxy for Pete Jacobs and Manjula Ambur), Geoff Tennille (plus proxy for Sharon Stack), Dick Hueschen, Linda Bangert, Dan Palumbo, Duncan McIver, Charles Laney, Doug Morris, Olaf Storaasli, Vicki Crisp, and Mike Marcolini. The following non-voting members: Marilyn Ogburn, Chair of the LRKC ad-hoc Committee; and Melanie Robinson, Ex Officio LaRC liaison to the LAA were also in attendance.

**President's Report:** Damodar raised the issue of what should the LAA do about Board members who do not attend meetings and/or not pay dues. The consensus was to try once more before the next Board meeting to contact the Board member in arrears for dues and to suggest they attend the Board meetings. He is also working on a disclaimer to not hold the LAA liable for using a member's photograph on our website or posting a video presentation on our website. He suggested Dan, as the Nominations Committee Chair, will lead a discussion on non-local Board member nominations to President, VP, and Treasurer positions.

**Secretary's report:** Secretary Ray Whipple was not present. Geoff Tennille asked for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. A motion was made by Dick Hueschen and seconded by Dan Palumbo and passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Geoff Tennille referred to the Treasurer's Report given at the General Meeting, which showed a balance of \$5.00 in Shares; a balance of \$3,437.37 in Smart Checking and \$9,632.86 in the Money Market Account, for a balance of \$13,075.23. The only expense in May was a payment of \$49.95 to HDL.com for hosting the LAA website. He expects that it will take the IRS another 2-3 months to rule on the LAA's Tax-exempt Status request. He has filed the Annual Report with the Virginia State Corporation Commission and has the invoice for the 2021 Registration Fee. As of July 1, 2021, he will deposit all new Life Paid membership and donations to the Money Market Account and all annual dues as well as payments for dinners or other activities to the Smart Checking Account.

**Communications Committee:** Dick Hueschen noted that the information on obits and new members were given at the General Meeting. They will be added to the website.

**Programs Report:** Dan Palumbo announced that the Paradise Beach Club requires a \$500 non-refundable deposit to reserve a room for our Holiday Luncheon. The room seats 60 and the LAA must pay for the difference between the number of seats sold and

60. He wants to keep the meal expense (without taxes and service charges) under \$35 and noted that if the LAA is tax-exempt in December, we won't pay sales tax. A motion was made by Linda Bangert and seconded by Mike Marcolini to authorize Dan to request a check for \$500 payable to the Paradise Beach Club to reserve the room, for December 14, 2021.

Dan is still working with the Mariner's Museum on the August program, "Shady Ladies", which is about female pirates. The cost for the program is \$50 for every 20 people and \$100 for the Speaker. Details about the meal, including provision for people with special dietary needs, are still being discussed.

**Membership:** Mike Marcolini reported that he is still working on a proposal for family memberships to the LAA, for families where multiple individuals each qualify for membership.

Mike (and Dan Palumbo) both brought up issues that we need to resolve to have a virtual presence at our face-to-face meetings in the NACA room when Langley fully reopens. Geoff reported that he had contacted Kendall Freeman about discussing the security issues facing a hybrid meeting. Some LAA members have attended other hybrid meetings and the remote attendees can hear and view the speaker and other remote attendees, but members located at the physical meeting location can't be seen or heard unless they move to the speaker's microphone. On the topic of nominating non-local members for Officer positions of the President, VP, and Treasurer, the consensus was to be open to non-local member nominations and to continue to evaluate how their functions can be performed from out of town.

**Hall of Honor Committee Report:** Duncan McIver reported that the NACA/NASA Hall of Honor Committee has scheduled two meetings on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup> for the committee to begin its work toward the next call for nominations in August-September 2021. The induction ceremony of the awardees is planned during July 2022.

**LAA Website Committee Report:** Olaf Storaasli reported that the new LAA website was up and running efficiently and thanked the work by Steve Scotti who was familiar with the new software. The website published the first LAA Newsletter in early June 2021.

**LRKC Ad-Hoc Committee Report:** Marilyn Ogburn lost her audio, but reported via the Chat feature that she and Dan had met with Kevin Rivers and Bart Singer this morning.

**Adjournment of the Board Meeting** With no further business, Damodar adjourned the June 8th Board Zoom meeting at 2:00 PM.

**Next Board Meeting:** The next Board meeting will be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 1:00 PM. Call-in information will be sent to members in advance of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Whipple, LAA Secretary