

Langley Research Center Alumni Association Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Tuesday, June 8, 2021

President Damodar Ambur opened the June 8, 2021, Zoom meeting of the Langley Research Center (LaRC) Alumni Association, Inc. (LAA) at 11:45 AM. He made several announcements. The Center is still at Stage 3 for opening, and it is unclear when the LAA will be able to resume meeting on Center. He reminded members that the first LAA Newsletter was available on the LAA website and the second will come out in September. He encouraged more member participation to write articles in future newsletters. He also noted that the HoH kickoff meeting with both the Operations Committee and the Selection Committee members was held on May 17th. He thanked the 11 LAA members that volunteered to serve on the two committees with 21 total members and congratulated Duncan McIver for getting elected as the Chair of the Operations Committee, for the third time.

At least 24 alumni attended some portion of the meeting.

There was no Secretary's report.

The Treasurer, Geoff Tennille reported that the IRS was working on applications for tax-exempt status submitted on or before February 19, 2021, so it seems that the LAA is still 2-3 months away from hearing its status from the IRS. He has submitted the Annual Report for the Virginia State Corporation and has an invoice for the annual SCC registration fee of \$25.00. Geoff reported that on May 31, 2021, the LAA had the following balances in LFCU accounts: \$5.00 in Organizational Shares; \$3,437.37 in Smart Checking; and \$9,632.86 in Money market Savings, totaling \$13075.23.

The Communications Officer, Dick Hueschen, reported the passing of five alumni; the names will be reported on the website. Dick then asked for a moment of silence to honor our alumni who had passed. Dick had four new members to report for June: Dr. John Shoosmith, Dr Jules (Jay) Lambiotte, Lona M Howser and Kathy Ferrare.

The Vice-president, Dan Palumbo, announced that the July presentation will be given by Geoff Tennille. It will be another in the Life After Langley series about his travel to the polar regions of our planet. The August program will be held at the Mariner's Museum and will be a box lunch and presentation called "Shady Ladies", also known as pirates. He then introduced Dr. Olaf Storaasli, who also had a Life after Langley talk on his experiences with supercomputing at Oak Ridge National Laboratory after retiring from LARC. His thoughts on quantum computing are that it is still a decade or two in the future, however processing power has increased by multiple orders of magnitude in the last 16 years, up to 1 EXAFLOPs or 1,000,000,000,000,000 floating point operations. He gave a website called Top500.org that lists the world's fastest computers. The talk was both entertaining and informative. Damodar announced that he already has sent Olaf one of our LAA mugs as a token of appreciation.

The next LAA general membership meeting will be a Zoom meeting, held at 11:30 AM on July 13, 2021. Call-in information will be sent to members in advance of the meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned by Damodar at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Whipple, Secretary