

Langley Research Center Alumni Association Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Call to Order and Meeting Overview: President Damodar Ambur called the July 13, 2021, General Membership Zoom meeting of the Langley Research Center (LaRC) Alumni Association, Inc. (LAA) to order at 11:51 AM.

Attendance: At least 32 alumni attended some portion of the meeting.

President's Report: The President, Damodar Ambur, reported that LaRC has entered Stage 2 of its COVID response framework as of Monday, July 12. LAA will not have access until at least Stage 1. When the Center fully returns to normal, LaRC plans to hold an Open House to celebrate the reopening of the Center and LAA members will be invited to participate. LAA will have hybrid meetings when we return to the NACA room; Rick Ross will brief the board on how this process will work.

The next LAA newsletter will be published in September. Members are encouraged to submit articles; please provide articles of interest to the membership by August 10th to Rick Ross.

The NASA/NACA Hall of Honor (HoH) is moving forward as scheduled, with a call for nominations planned for September. Duncan McIver is the Chair for the HoH Operations Committee, and LAA now also has a Chair for the HoH Selection Committee. LAA will offer a tutorial on the process for submitting one-page HoH nominations.

There will not be an August meeting due to the planned Mariners' Museum trip.

Damodar announced that we will be using a release of rights form, which will be reviewed at today's Board meeting. All members will be asked to sign the release form when it is finalized.

Secretary's Report: Damodar reported that the Secretary, Ray Whipple, has requested to be excused of his duties as Secretary for personal reasons. Minutes from the General and Board meetings have been submitted to the Board for review. Once approved, the minutes will be posted on LAA website.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Geoff Tennille, reported that LAA has paid the filing fee for the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC). LAA also closed the previous Vectec web hosting account. As of June 1, LAA had an account balance of \$13,075.23. During June, there was a total of \$226 in expenses from the SCC fees and from the purchase of stamps for paying bills and correspondence. During the month, LAA received income of \$230.80 from two life memberships, two annual memberships, and \$0.80 from a bank dividend. As of June 30, the total account balance was \$13,080.03.

Communications Officer's Report: The Communications Officer, Dick Hueschen, reported the passing of five alumni; the names will be reported on the website. Joe Charles Gowdey, Vivian Schultz Roberts Smith, Horace E. C. Bellamy, Augustine Warner Robins, and Kenneth Alfred Seals. Dick then asked for a moment of silence to honor our alumni who had passed.

Dick had four new members to report for this month: Ann Rockey, Donna Speller Turner, Gretchen Lingenfelter, and Anthony (Tony) Busquets.

Vice President's Report: The Vice President, Dan Palumbo, introduced the guest speaker for the July presentation, Geoff Tennille. This is the fourth talk in the "Life After Langley" series and is titled "Voyages to the Far South and Far North Latitudes of Our Planet." Geoff cruised the

south polar region in 2012, and the north polar region in 2015; John Shoosmith was also on both cruises. Damodar Ambur announced that the speaker's gift will be sent to Geoff.

Adjournment of the General Meeting: Damodar Ambur adjourned the meeting at 1:43 PM.

Next monthly program: Dan Palumbo stated that in place of the August meeting, there will be a tour of Mariners' Museum, a lecture, and a luncheon. This will be the first face-to-face meeting in a long time. The program is titled "Shady Ladies of the Seas." Dan will send email with additional information. Currently the tour is scheduled for 11:00, the luncheon will be at 12:30, and the lecture will begin at 1:30. The event is open to LAA members and their spouses. The Board is paying for the lecture and tour; members and spouses will pay for their lunches. There will be a table set up to collect lunch fees. The cost will be \$12-\$15, depending on the selection of lunch vendor by the board. The lunch fees will be collected on-site, but LAA will also look into the option to prepay.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Ross on behalf of Ray Whipple