

Langley Research Center Alumni Association Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Call to Order and Meeting Overview: Damodar Ambur called the October 12, 2021, Zoom General Membership meeting of the Langley Research Center (LaRC) Alumni Association (LAA) to order at 11:49 AM.

Attendance: At least 29 alumni attended some portion of the meeting.

President’s Report: The President, Damodar Ambur, reported that Hall of Honor (HoH) nominations have begun. An email was sent describing the nomination process. At an earlier HoH meeting, it was reported that seven nominations have been received. The deadline for receiving nominations is the first week in January. Nominations can now be submitted online.

The Governor’s Advisory Board for STEM education met for the first time this month. The group reviewed the charter and drafted a plan for the first year (2021-2022). One of the LAA purposes is to promote STEM education and Damodar encouraged members to volunteer to help the next generation.

Secretary’s Report: The Secretary, Rick Ross, reported that the meeting minutes from last month have been posted on the website. The deadline for submission of articles for the December newsletter will be November 10, 2021. Please send articles to rick.ross@verizon.net.

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer, Geoff Tennille, reported that IRS rejected LAA’s 501(c)3 application because the Employee Identification Number (EIN) was not recognized by the IRS. We still have not received the official rejection letter. Geoff applied for a new EIN via fax; he could not submit the application online because the organization’s start date was too early. The IRS refunded the \$275 application fee.

Geoff reported that we received income from the last of the lunches for the Mariners’ Museum tour, dues from two new members, and the \$275 refund from the IRS. There were no expenses during September. As of September 30, 2021, the LAA had the following balances in the Langley Federal Credit Union (LFCU) accounts:

Account	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
LAA Organizational Shares	\$5.00	\$5.00
Money Market Savings	\$9,735.32	\$9,836.13
Smart Checking	\$3,321.95	\$3,643.95
TOTAL	\$13,062.27	\$13,485.08

Communications Officer’s Report: The Communications Officer, Dick Hueschen, reported the passing of two alumni: Ruth “Boots” McAlexander White and Jon L. Van Cleave. The details will be posted on the website, including links to the full obituaries. Dick asked for a moment of silence to honor our alumni who had passed. Dick had no new members to report for this month. Dick reported that the son of LAA lifetime member Paul Culotta and Mary Culotta passed away from a stroke. Dick asked if anyone could contact the four individuals whose emails continuously bounce: George Beeler, Anita Thomas, Shelby Morris, and Patricia Hurst.

Rick Ross reported that George Beeler is not interested in continuing and can be removed from the roster.

Damodar requested that all new members, new and current, complete the Consent and Release of Rights form.

Vice President's Report: The Vice President and Programs Chair, Dan Palumbo, introduced the guest speaker for this month, Mia Siochi, who presented "Realizing the Promise of Structural Carbon Nanotubes: A Historical Perspective." Damodar Ambur presented the speaker's gift, which will be mailed to the speaker.

Adjournment of the General Meeting: Damodar Ambur adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Next General Meeting: The next LAA general membership meeting will be a Zoom meeting, to be held at 11:30 AM on November 9, 2021. The next speaker will be Alexandra Loubeau. Call-in information will be sent to members in advance of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Ross, Secretary