

Langley Research Center Alumni Association

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Call to Order and Meeting Overview: The President, Dan Palumbo, called the March 8, 2022, Zoom Board of Directors meeting of the Langley Research Center (LaRC) Alumni Association, Inc. (LAA) to order at 1:18 PM.

Attendance: A quorum (16) of voting members (and proxies) was present: Dan Palumbo, Vicki Crisp, Geoff Tennille, Dick Hueschen, Rick Ross (plus proxy for Damodar Ambur), Doug Morris, Ed Prior, Olaf Storaasli, Dave Hinton, Domenic Maglieri, Mike Marcolini, Stan Cole, Charles Laney, Duncan McIver, and Wes Goodman. The following non-voting members were also in attendance: John Berry, Tony Pototzky, Melanie Robinson, and Marilyn Ogburn.

President's Report: The President, Dan Palumbo, reported that we will test the hybrid (in-person/virtual) meeting setup from the NACA room, using both Zoom and Microsoft Teams, on March 15th. Melanie is making the arrangements for that visit. She is also still working with Peter Mount to obtain permission to advertise LAA meetings on the *Inside Langley* website.

Secretary's report: The Secretary, Rick Ross, reported that the minutes from the prior month's meetings have been circulated and corrected. Olaf Storaasli made a motion to accept the minutes, Dan Palumbo seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed. The minutes will be posted on the LAA website.

Rick stated that the March 2022 newsletter was recently distributed. He received an email from Jonathan Ransom yesterday about a concern regarding the article on the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) published in that newsletter. The article was based, in part, on an earlier article from *NASA Spinoff* and on an email from Charlie Blankenship. Jonathan said that the newsletter article was passed along to Clayton Turner (Langley Center Director) and that they checked with NeXolve, the company that patented the LaRC-CP1 and LaRC-CP2 thin film technologies. The company stated that these materials were *not* used on the JWST, as stated in the *NASA Spinoff* article. Olaf Storaasli said that he would forward the email from Charlie with the reference to the earlier article. Rick said he will forward Jonathan's email to Dan, Dick, and Olaf, and he will pursue this with Jonathan to resolve the issue and revise the newsletter.

Vice President and Programs Chair's Report: The Programs Chair, Vicki Crisp, announced that Bobby Braun is the new Director of Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory's Space Exploration Sector. He will start his new position on March 28, which will impact the April 12 program meeting. He still wants to present to the LAA, but it may not be until May or June. Vicki considered asking Ricky Butler to move from May to April and move Bobby to May but had not done so yet. Dan Palumbo said he was considering a tour of the Military Aviation Museum in Pungo and that we could possibly do that in April instead rescheduling our other speakers. Dan said he will contact the museum to get the details and will provide those to Vicki. We have presentations scheduled for May and June, the picnic will be in July, and Vicki will be arranging for presentations in August through November. Olaf Storaasli will update the website to show the April meeting status as "to be determined."

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer, Geoff Tennille, referred to the Treasurer's Report given at the General Membership meeting. Geoff stated that he has a meeting scheduled for tomorrow at LFCU, along with Dan Palumbo and Rick Ross, to open a new account, since LFCU was not able to change the EIN on an existing account. Geoff provided an update on the status of our tax-exempt application and stated that the IRS is currently processing the application.

Communications Officer's Report: The Communications Officer, Dick Hueschen, reported that he had nothing additional to add. The obituaries will be posted on the website.

Membership Committee Report: The Membership Chair, Mike Marcolini, reported that he had nothing to report, but he needs to follow up with delinquent members.

Hall of Honor Committee Report: The Hall of Honor (HoH) Chair, Duncan McIver, reported that selection process, led by Julie Williams-Byrd, is underway. She is scheduled to report the final results to the HoH Operations Committee in April and to the Langley Center Director in May. Melanie Robinson is working plans to hold the honoree event at Langley, tentatively scheduled for July. Melanie developed a preliminary schedule, to be presented at the HoH meeting on March 10. The Committee feels it is Important to have an in-person event, but that a hybrid event may be necessary for safety reasons and for broader attendance. The team is open to suggestions on improvements to the HoH process.

LAA Website Committee Report: The Website Chair, Olaf Storaasli, reported that the website is being kept up to date with the speaker schedule. There have been no problems with speed or security.

Dick Hueschen reminded everyone that we have email addresses available through our website provider. Olaf will set up Dan Palumbo with a president's email address.

Revisit of Membership Committee: Dick Hueschen noted that Dan Palumbo sent an email out to delinquent and inactive members; no letter was sent to the general membership if they were paid up. Marilyn said she hadn't paid yet but never received the email. Geoff noted that he just sent an updated roster that shows who is paid and who is delinquent.

New Business: None.

Adjournment of the Board Meeting: Dan Palumbo adjourned the meeting at 1:51 PM.

Next Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will tentatively be a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM, subject to the decision on the tour at the aviation museum. Dan or Vicki will let everyone know prior to April 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Ross, LAA Secretary