

LAA General Meeting Minutes 01-09-2024

General Members Meeting

Call to order and Meeting Overview: the President, Dan Palumbo called the January 9, 2024 hybrid General Meeting of the LaRC Alumni Association, Inc. to order at 11:45 am.

Attendance: At least 28 members attended in person with an additional ~ 17 attending on line

Summary of October 10 Board Meeting: Changes to By-laws (4)

Dan provided the following summary of the changes to the by-laws:

1. Modified language in Article II to make LAA purpose more inclusive in what we do (STEM-> educational opportunities) and the experience and knowledge we have to share (added “various disciplines and systems”)
2. Also in Article II, made Hall of Honor award more exclusive (recognize contributions -> recognize notable contributions with enduring impacts)
3. In Article III, opened LAA membership to all NASA retirees.
4. Article V, detailed process by which a non-Board member could be nominated to Officer position.

New Class of 27 Board members

- Nominees for LAA Board Class of 2027
 - a) Geoffrey Tennille
 - b) Craig Ohlhorst
 - c) Tony Pototzky
 - d) Rich Antcliff
 - e) Susan McClain
 - f) Mary DiJoseph
 - g) Ray Rhew

Proposed new officers for 2024

- President: Olaf Storaasli
- Vice President: Kathy Ferrare

- Secretary: Mary DiJoseph
- Treasurer: Ray Rhew
- Communications Officer: Richard (Dick) Hueschen

The LAA Liason position is moving to the Office of the Director. Melanie Robinson is stepping down. New liaison TBD

Treasurers report - Ray Rhew

- December Summary
 - Organization Share \$25.00
 - Money Market Savings \$11,794.50 (+\$7.51 from Interest)
 - Smart Checking \$2,290.59 (+\$310.00 Yearly and Lifetime Dues)
 - Total \$ 14,110.09
- Membership renewal: 110 yearly and 111 lifetime
- Dues are due for 2024 by end of January:
Langley credit union Member to Member transfer: 796160-s0003 -
- only available to people who already have this set up. Credit union closed down new transfers for security area

Or Mail to:

Ray Rhew LAA Treasurer
4017 Martins Point Road
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

Ray proposed developing an annual budget to make better budget projections and plan the use of our funds more strategically to meet our organizational objectives, such as student activities and scholarships. This will be discussed at the board meeting.

Membership Committee Report - Dave Hinton: Badge Process Changes

- Inspired by Bylaws changes opening membership to all former NASA employees
- Issues identified
- Prior policy of granting badge to anyone who joins LAA not consistent with NASA process

- 2023 request review revealed some for individuals who are inactive in LAA (not members in good standing)
- New process:
- Membership application will ask if a badge is being requested and require agreement with the badging policy
- New badges will be triggered by the membership application
- Renewals will be automatic if members maintain good standing
- Membership committee chair will be POC for special requests or issues
- Discussion of badge use & approval for building access. Rules TBD & discussions with security in progress.. Badge should not to be used for other than LAA activities or buildings other 2102 for now.
- Dave suggested that LAA members may communicate with him if they have inputs for the strategic plan

Secretary report - George Finelli

- LAA has a BOX account for records management:

Communications Report - Richard Hueschen

- 15 former LaRC employees passed away. Obituaries will be posted on the LAA Web site

Vice Presidents report - Geoff Tennille: Presentations

Members enjoyed the following presentations:

Allen Hoilman: Curator, Hampton History Museum. Special exhibit on Chris Kraft: Hampton's unlikely space hero Feb 28, 2024 - March 1, 2025
Allen is seeking \$25,000 to procure the exhibit and additional funding to create a traveling version

Dave Young, Deputy Center Director: Langley is the Future (LIFE) strategic initiative. There is now an Agency initiative for NASA 2040 (premier research and engineering institution to enable the future of exploration, aeronautics & science)

Adjournment of the Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm

Next General Meeting: The next general meeting will be February 13 at 11:30. Call in information will be sent to members.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary DiJoseph

