

LAA General Meeting Template

November 12, 2024 LAA General Meeting Minutes

General Members Meeting

Call to order and Meeting Overview: Meeting was called to order at 11:29 am

Attendance

50 members attended in person and 18 on-line (see Attendance List on BOX)

Summary of Meeting

President's Report

LAA Board 1pm (Join us) Oct Minutes@LarcAlumni.org

- LAA Healthy: 230 members, \$16K, STEM, '25 Speakers
- Dec 10 Holiday Party + Dec 5 2-4 Director's Reception
- 2025 Officers+2028 Board, Bylaws @ Jan '25 Meeting

Proposed Changes to By-laws

- February 2024 Board meeting discussion:
 - Review By-laws for potential editing & simplicity with the intent to move some items into an informal guidelines document
 - General Premise:
 - By-laws for the most part reflect "what we do"
 - Policies and Procedures (P&P) document is "how we do it"
- Board reviewed iterations of By-law and P&P documents => P&P focus:
 - Guidelines on how to implement our By-laws
 - LAA activities that often change: badge policy, committees
 - Document in one place in detail, procedures that LAA historically practices: communication, treasury submissions, documentation. This assists Jan transition & continuity for Board members.
- Both documents will be updated as needed to reflect LAA changes

By-Laws Next Steps

- November 13: Send LAA members proposed By-Law + P&P documents
- Nov 13–Dec 6: Comments received from LAA members
- December 7–14: Incorporate comments provided by members
- December 15:
 - Distribute to LAA members the proposed By-Law document that includes comments rec'd prior to December 6th & latest P&P document.

- This email will fulfill the By-Law requirement to provide written notice to all members about the proposed change to the Board & members two (2) weeks prior to our Annual Membership Meeting (Jan 14, 2025), when the change will be presented to members for comment.

- January 14, 2025:

- General Membership - Review of By-laws/comments received
- Board Meeting – Vote on suggested changes

Nominating Committee Report _ Susan McClain

- Officers: current VP, Secretary, Treasure and Communications officer will continue in 2025. President position is open
- Committee chairs - current Nominating, Website and newsletter will continue in 2025. Membership and IT committee chairs are open for 2025
- At large Board members for 2026 and 2027 confirmed. 6 positions for 2028 are open
- Next steps - email to all LaRC alumni amembers seeking interested individuals for open Officer, Committee Chairs and At Large Members

Secretary's Report

- Oct 2024 Meeting Minutes approved, posted on BOX + [LAA Website](#)
- Attendance List posted on BOX + [LAA Website](#)
- [32 attended](#) meeting: 31 in person + 1 online (Olaf)

Treasurer's Report - Ray Rhew

- October Summary
- Organization Share \$25.00
- Money Market Savings \$13,335.73
- Smart Checking \$2,805.14
- Total \$16,165.87
- Increase of (from August): \$1.70
 - Interest
- Audit complete – a big thank you to Yvonne Dellapenta
- Developed list of improvements to implement mainly regarding file management/organization

Communications Officer's Report - Dick Heuschen

In Memory of NASA Colleagues

1. Robert Stallings, 90
2. Robert Huston, 93
3. Nancy White, 80

Membership Committee Report - Dave Hinton

- New member this past month
 - Pieter G. Buning who retired in 2024 from the Computational AeroSciences Branch (D302) with 48 years service. Pieter resides in Yorktown with his spouse Gail.
 - Christopher Rumsey
 - Richard Eckman
- Several from word-of-mouth recruiting – please continue!
- Opportunity to assist in recruiting: Table at the Director's Holiday Social – December 5
- Opportunity to mentor high school students (NASA HUNCH program)

Vice President and Program Chair's Report - Kathy Ferrare

Membership Involvement

- NASA Langley offered to have a table for LAA members to distribute information and answer questions about the LAA during the social
- Volunteer Opportunity: 4 volunteers are needed (2 people/hour)
- Working details of information to be distributed
- Please contact Kathy Ferrare (KFerrare@verizon.net / (757) 880-8676)
- **December 14-15, 2024:** NASA Langley Aerial Drone Competition
- Potential Volunteer Opportunity / Bldg. 2102 Reid Center
- Middle and High School Students
- Request for assistance at check-in, field reset, referees, scorekeepers, judges, practice field official etc. See email for additional opportunities.
- Volunteers can work as many hours as they would like (1 hour to both days)
- Volunteer Training (Optional): December 4th at 2:00 pm
- Electronic form requesting volunteer sign-up sent out
- Please RSVP by Dec 2nd

NASA Langley HUNCH Mentors are Needed

- High school students United with NASA to Create Hardware or HUNCH is an innovative school-based program that partners NASA Centers with high schools nationwide. The partnership involves students fabricating real-world products for NASA and

astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) as they apply their science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics skills while learning to work in teams and think creatively.

- Working with the HUNCH Regional Program Manager on details of mentor responsibilities.
- More details to follow.

Future Activities:

- Combined Federal Campaign 2025 Chili Cook-off (Nov 2025 timeframe)

Coming Events

November 12, 2024: Dr. John R. Olds

- Founder and retired CEO of SpaceWorks Enterprises, Inc.
- His professional journey at NASA Langley and the commercial space revolution (“NewSpace”)

December 5, 2024 (Thursday): Center Director’s Social

- 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm / Bldg 2102 (Reid Center): **NOTE DATE CHANGE**
 - **Looking for 2 LAA members for each hour of the reception to staff the table to solicit new LAA members. Contact Kathy**
 - **Olaf has volunteered to staff the table**

December 10, 2024 (Tuesday): LAA Winter Luncheon

- Crab Shack on the James
- Sign-up form sent out on Nov 4th / RSVP by December 2nd

December 12, 2024: Flight Dynamics Research Facility (FDRF) Tour

- Tour of the new FDRF facility (Mike Fremaux)
- Available to members who signed up for the May/Sept tour

January 14, 2025

- LAA Elections & Review of comments on proposed By-Law Changes
- Chris Carter: Director, Virginia Space Grant Consortium

Volunteer and mentor opportunities

- NASA Langley Security Chief Bright (extended invitation)

February 11, 2025: NASA Langley Center Director

March 11, 2025: Linda Bangert (LAA Member)

- Linda will share her experience with the Ninety-Nines
- Mission: The NINETY-NINES® INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WOMEN

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May 13, 2025: Entrepreneurial Information and Life Experience

- Tim Ryan – Director, REaKTOR Innovation Center
- Steve Sandford – Founder and Chief Technology Officer, Psionic

Today's Speaker: John Olds, Chairman and Technical Fellow, SpaceWorks Enterprises

From NASA to Academia to Entrepreneurial Space: My Journey Through the New Space Revolution

Adjournment of the General Meeting: Meeting was adjourned at 1:04 om

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