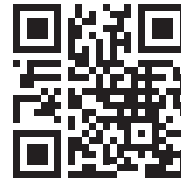


# 2024 Langley Alumni Association ANNUAL REPORT



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## 2024 in Review

We had an amazing 2024! We had many great speakers, participated in several volunteer activities, grew our membership and treasury, and strengthened our relationship with NASA Langley Research Center (LaRC). We added a new Education and Outreach ad hoc committee to strengthen our commitment to STEM, and made major improvements to our membership and badging process. Board member **Charlie Cockrell** led the revision of our by-laws and authored a new Policies and Procedures document.



LAA members enjoying the July 2024 picnic

## Programs for 2025

LAA has many exciting speakers and programs planned for 2025. At our Annual Meeting in January, we elected new officers and board members. Our speaker for January was Chris Carter, Director of the Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC). In February, we will hear from Dawn Schaible, Acting Langley Center Director. In March, Linda Bangert will discuss the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots. If you have any suggestions for speakers or events, please let us know—we are always looking for new ideas!



LAA table at the Director's Social 2024

## 2024 Programs & Events

Month	Activity or Topic
Jan	Annual meeting; <i>Langley is the Future</i> (Dave Young); <i>Chris Kraft</i> (Allen Hoilman)
Feb	<i>STMD Overview/Mars Mission</i> (W. Engelund); HUNCH judging
Mar	<i>Facility Strategy, Vision, and Journey</i> (Loretta Kelemen)
Apr	<i>Quieting the Boom—Supersonic Flight</i> (David Richwine)
May	<i>Safe Moon &amp; Mars Landing</i> (R. Maddock, D. Litton, G. Hines)
Jun	Online meet & greet
Jul	LAA picnic at Langley; VASTS ceremony; VESSS panel
Aug	<i>Master Gardeners</i> (B. Bales); <i>Living after Langley</i> (A. Claud); Langley Family Day
Sept	<i>Mission Out of Control</i> (Charlie Camarda)
Oct	<i>Trip to Africa</i> (Ray Rhew); <i>New Zealand Tour</i> (Tony Pototzky)
Nov	<i>My Journey through the New-Space Revolution</i> (John Olds)
Dec	Table at the Director's Social; Luncheon at Crab Shack; Aerial Drone Competition

## Membership

Membership Chair **Dave Hinton** has greatly improved our membership and badging process. LAA is required to vet requests for six-month activity badges, but we didn't have a policy to comply with this LaRC requirement. We increased application vetting rigor and now record attendance and screen badge requests. Paid-up members in good faith *and* who require physical access to LaRC for LAA functions may request an activity badge.

Dave also worked with Langley Security to streamline the [badging policy](#). Badgeholders can now attend non-LAA events, but must be invited by a NASA employee and must be escorted if in facilities other than the IESB or Fitness Center, just like a visitor badge.

In 2024, we had a net increase of 9 annual and 12 lifetime members, totalling 117 annual and 124 lifetime members. Dues are \$10 per year (due in January) or \$100 for lifetime membership. The first year is free for [new members](#).

## Treasury

The LAA Treasurer, **Ray Rhew**, reports we had a strong increase in our treasury, largely due to an increase in membership, and developed a five-year budget. We started the year with \$14,110 and had \$16,459 as of December 31, 2024. Major expenditures included the website and the SCC fee. Our primary sources of income were \$1,700 in life memberships and \$440 in annual memberships. LAA also received a contribution from a member for a donation to AIAA. Thanks to **Yvonne Dellapenta** for performing the successful audit on our 2023 financial records!

## Secretary

Our Secretary, **Mary DiJoseph**, thoroughly documents our monthly meetings and promptly posts the [minutes](#) on our website.

## Communications

Our Communications Officer, **Dick Hueschen**, informs members with timely communications.

## Langley Partnership

The LAA has received excellent support from our partnership with Langley and strengthened our relationship with the LaRC Office of the Director. In 2024, we saw a transition in our Langley Representative from **Melanie Robinson-Holmon** to **Angela McGill** and **Jessica Friz**. We also continued to receive excellent technical support for our hybrid meetings from **Donald Edgerly** and **Josef Dumler**. Thanks to all of you for your support!

## Hall of Honor

Sadly, our HoH Chair, **Duncan McIver**, passed away this year. He was the visionary of the NASA and NACA Hall of Honor and worked closely with NASA to select candidates for this prestigious honor. He will always be remembered for his selfless contributions in honoring his fellow NACA and NASA colleagues.

## About the LAA

The [Langley Research Center Alumni Association, Inc.](#) (LAA) is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization.

## Education & Outreach

The LAA established an ad hoc committee for Education and Outreach, chaired by **Lil Richwine**, to better track and promote our STEM activities, an important part of the LAA mission as defined in our 2024 [by-laws](#).

## Website & Newsletter

The LAA webmaster, **Olaf Storaasli**, frequently updates our [website](#) with news bulletins, meeting minutes, and upcoming speakers and events. Our newsletter editor, **Rick Ross**, publishes the Annual Report and quarterly [newsletters](#) with in-depth news articles and member contributions.

## Information Technology

The LAA IT Committee Chair, **Rick Ross**, has improved our procedures for hybrid in-person/Teams meetings. **Dave Hinton** helped restructure our records archive on Box. We maintain meeting videos on Vimeo and link to them through our [website](#).

## Nominations

**Susan McClain** chaired the Nominations Committee, which sought candidates for officers, Board members, and committee chairs for 2025. If you have enjoyed our meetings and social events, *please* consider giving back by joining our LAA leadership team.

## Leadership in 2025

In 2025, our new leadership team will feature **Kathy Ferrare** as President, **Charles Dunton** as Vice President and Programs Chair, and **Olaf Storaasli** as Immediate Past President. Our Board of Directors Class of 2028 will be **Mark Ballin, Charles Dunton, Odilyn Luck, Roman Paryz, Eric Rissling,** and **Liliana Richwine.** **Roman Paryz** will be the new IT Committee Chair.

## 2024 Officers & Board

### 2024 LAA OFFICERS

*President*  
Olaf Storaasli

*Vice President & Programs Chair*  
Kathy Ferrare

*Treasurer*  
Ray Rhew

*Secretary*  
Mary DiJoseph

*Communications Officer*  
Richard Hueschen

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS & OFFICIALS

*Membership Committee*  
David Hinton

*Nominating Committee*  
Susan McClain

*Hall of Honor Committee*

### *Website & Newsletter Committee*

Olaf Storaasli                      Rick Ross  
Wayne Richie                      Dick Hueschen

### *IT Committee*

Rick Ross                      Olaf Storaasli  
Dan Palumbo                      Geoff Tennille

### *Education and Outreach Ad Hoc Committee*

Liliana Richwine

### *Langley Representatives*

Angela McGill & Jessica Friz

### *Immediate Past President*

Dan Palumbo

### LAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### *Class of 2025*

Stan Cole                      Dave Hinton  
Wes Goodman                      Liliana Richwine  
Melvin Ferebee                      Domenic Maglieri

#### *Class of 2026*

George Allison                      George Finelli  
Charles Cockrell                      Wayne Richie  
Kathy Ferrare

#### *Class of 2027*

Geoffrey Tennille                      Susan McClain  
Craig Ohlhorst                      Mary DiJoseph  
Tony Pototzky                      Ray Rhew  
Rich Antcliff