



- Updated to add Kathy Ferrare to this picture!

Langley Alumni Association (LAA) General Membership Meeting **Tuesday, August 11, 2026**



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2025 LAA Officers

President: Kathy Ferrare (757 880-8676)

Vice-President and Programs: Susan McClain (757 285-3778)

Secretary: Jill Marlowe (757 209-2131)

Treasurer: Ray Rhew (757 880-5817)

Communications Officer: Richard Hueschen (757 868-6453)

2025 Committee Chairs and Other Officials

Membership Committee: Amy Radford

Nominating Committee: Neil O'Connor

Hall of Honor Committee: Mary Beth Wusk

Website and Newsletter Committee: Rick Ross

IT Committee: Roman Paryz

Langley Representative: Eileen Nelson and Mariya Georgieva

Past President: Dan Palumbo

Registered Agent: Geoff Tennille

Board Members-at-Large By Class

2027	2028	2029
Rich Antcliff	Mark Ballin	Mike Fremaux
Mary DiJoseph	Charlie Dunton	Wes Goodman
Susan McClain	Odilyn Luck	Jill Marlowe
Craig Ohlhorst	Roman Paryz	Neil O'Connor
Tony Pototzky	Liliana Richwine	Amy Radford
Ray Rhew	Eric Rissling	Ray Whipple
Geoffrey Tennille		Dave Young

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Attendance

- 60 in-person, 20 on-line

LAA General Membership Meeting – August 11, 2026

11:30 PM to 1:00 PM

- **Welcome & President's Report:** Kathy Ferrare
- **Secretary's Report:** Jill Marlowe
- **Treasurer's Report / Ad Hoc Committee – Donation Guidelines/Process:** Ray Rhew
- **Communication Report:** Dick Hueschen
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Membership:** Amy Radford
 - **Website and Newsletter:** Rick Ross
 - **Information Technology:** Roman Paryz
 - **Hall of Honor:** Jeff Antol for Mary Beth Wusk
 - **Ad Hoc Committee – Retirement Protocols (NASA/LAA):** Rich Antcliff (pass)
- **Vice President's Report:** Susan McClain
 - *Speaker: Stephanie Letourneau, Community Science & Outreach Staff*
- **Next Month: September 8, 2026 – Steve Gayle, NASA Langley Acting Associate Director**
- **Adjourn: Board Meeting next – All LAA members are welcome!**

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Summary of Motions / Actions / Discussions

- **No significant discussion / motions / actions**

President's Report

- **LAA Health: Growth in Membership this month +9; Treasury is \$25k**
- **Thank you to Neil O'Connor for volunteering to be our Nominating Committee Chair!**
 - **Member Involvement – Looking for 2-3 LAA members to help him on this committee!**
- **Significant Motions, Actions & Discussions from June 9, 2026, Board Meeting:**
 - DISCUSSION on whether to do **annual review of by-laws and policies/procedures**, since an extensive review/update was just completed; ACTION to Kathy to send email to members annually soliciting any desired changes after which a decision will be made on whether discussion/modifications are needed.
 - DISCUSSION on **LAA Spirit Wear** on clothing options and proposed order collection process. MOTION passed to proceed with sale in July pending completion of ACTIONS passed unanimously.
 - DISCUSSION on **Ad-Hoc Donation** committee report. MOTIONS to approve criteria as presented, to approve the 2027 and beyond timetable for deliverables and future donation decisions, and to donate \$1.5K this year to VASC for student participation in Viking event.
 - DISCUSSION on **Retirement Celebration** becoming annual event; Board generally not in favor due to workload and expectation branches will resume formal recognition but are in favor of an LAA “welcome aboard” smaller scale (recruitment) event for annual class of retirees. ACTION previously assigned to Rich to propose next steps for Ad-Hoc retirement protocols committee, to include celebration recommendation.

- NO DISCUSSION

Secretary's Report

- **June 2026 General Meeting minutes approved & posted to Box**
 - ATTENDANCE: 51 in person, 12 on-line
 - No significant discussion / motions / actions
- **June 2026 Board Meeting Minutes approved & posted to Box**
- **LAA Spirit Wear Update**
 - July group order complete – please pick up!
 - 24 orders for 39 total items
 - 27 polos (\$45), 7 ¼ zips (\$55), 5 hats (\$35)
 - 31% (12) original logo and 69% (27) modified logo
 - Thank you for showing your LAA spirit – **please stay for group photo with merch at the break!**
 - New item available: LAA Patch (iron on) @ \$10
 - August orders & payment due 8/31 for Sept meeting delivery
 - Please send questions & completed orders to:
LAASpiritWear@larcalumni.org



PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

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- NO DISCUSSION

Treasurer Summary

- **July 2026 Summary**

a) Organization Share	\$25.00
b) Money Market Savings	\$4,560.68
c) Smart Checking	\$5,496.03
d) Certificate of Deposit	\$15,201.43
e) Total	\$25,283.14
f) Increase (from May):	\$2,352.63

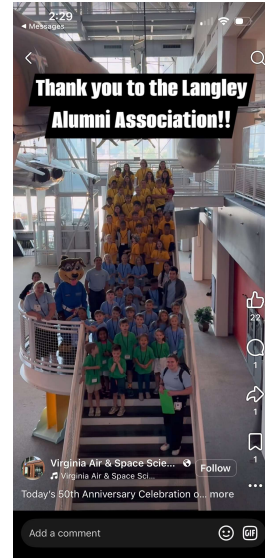
- **Income:**

- Interest
 - Dues (1 yearly)
 - Picnic - 63, Spirit Wear - 24

- **Expenses**

- Yearly SCC fee
 - Donation to VASC

- **Update on ad hoc committee – to be presented at Board meeting**



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- **NO DISCUSSION**

In Memory of Individuals – August 11, 2026



Joseph Guarino, 95



Michael Barnhill, 36



Donald Progar, 89



Vincent Palmero, 84



Archer "Vernon" Vann Jr., 84



Robert "Les" Devers, 78



Ruth Reeves Dow, 95

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- NO DISCUSSION

Membership Committee Report

9 New Members:

- **Don Porter** retired from the Safety and Mission Assurance in 2025 with 37.5 years of service. Don resides in Williamsburg.
- **Sue Grafton** retired from the Research Directorate in 2025 with 66 years of service. Sue resides in Williamsburg with her spouse Bob.
- **Heather Houlden** left ViGYAN, Inc, in 2021 with 28 years of service. Heather resides in West Virginia with her spouse Richard.
- **Keith Arthur** retired from the Research Directorate in 2026 with 12 years of service. Keith resides in Yorktown with his spouse Kathryn.
- **Neil Coffey** retired from the Engineering Directorate with 34 years of service. Neil resides in Hampton.

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Membership Committee Report

- **Walter Silva** retired from the Aeroelasticity Branch in 2026 with 39 years of service. Walter resides in Williamsburg with his spouse Donna.
- **Catherine Prohaska** retired from Office of the Chief Information Officer in 2025 with 40 years of service. Catherine resides in Suffolk with her spouse Jim.
- **Lucille (Luci) Crittenden** retired from the Research Services Directorate in 2017 with 45 years of service. Luci resides in Poquoson with her spouse Tom.
- **Beverly Thomas-Burse** retired from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer in 2020 with 41 years of service. Beverly resides in Hampton.

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- NO DISCUSSION

Membership Committee Report

- Currently, we have **310** Active Members
- Membership Committee Initiative Updates
 - Application Process
 - Migrated active member data from current roster
 - *Next steps –*
 - *Continue migrating data from current roster*
 - *Continue development of modules and workflows – Roster and Badge Requests*



Be sure to sign the attendance sheet!

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- NO DISCUSSION

Membership Committee Report

- Langley has asked if the LAA can help them locate the following individuals – retirement plaque
- Please send contact info to Membership@larcalumni.org
 - Doyle T. Arboneaux, Jr.
 - Melody Avery
 - Paul F. Brown
 - Robert H. Bush
 - Toby Comeaux
 - John Connell
 - Gary Ericksons
 - Barbara I. Haga
 - Lisa Hall
 - Franklin Keith Harris
 - Joseph C. Havens
 - Ricky L. Hoff
 - Lucas Horta
 - Barbara Lumanog
 - Daniel G. Murri
 - Frank Peri, Jr.
 - Mulugeta Petros
 - Mercedes Reaves
 - Courtney Rollins
 - Thomas Sweeney
 - Sandra G. Zumbrun

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IT Committee Report

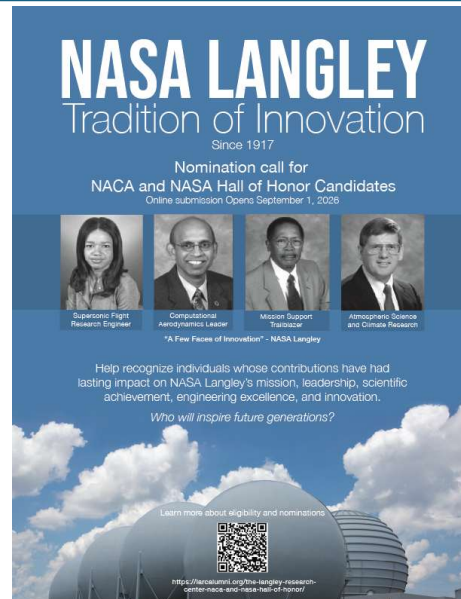
- **A LAA Spirit Wear Shared Mailbox has been created**
 - Orders sent to laaspiritwear@larcalumni.org are forwarded to
 - Amy Radford at amyradford@larcalumni.org
 - Jill Marlowe at jillmarlowe@larcalumni.org
 - Kathy Ferrare at kferrare@larcalumni.org
 - Roman Paryz at rwparyz@larcalumni.org

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Hall of Honor Updates

- On-line application is technically ready to go!
- Selection Committee kick-off meeting August 12th.
- Final mods to on-line application, LAA website, and social media will be completed prior to August 31st.
- Coordinating advertising campaign.
- Going live September 1st!



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- NO DISCUSSION

Vice President Report – Membership Involvement

NASA Langley's "Stars, Stripes, and Supernovas – Symphony Under the Stars" event brought employees, families, and community members together for an evening filled with music, connection, and celebration.

Organizers planned the event, which took place July 16, to mark the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America.

LAA Secretary Jill Marlowe's son Ryan Marlowe (a member of VT's Marching Band) participated in the event!



See the video at <https://www.nasa.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/concertforsocial.mp4>

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Vice President Report – Membership Involvement

We hope our LAA members enjoyed participating in the Viking events at the Virginia Air and Space Science Center (VASC) and at the NASA Langley Viking Symposium!

- ***Thank you to Walt Engelund for presenting at the Viking Symposium!***
“Viking at 50 – A Brief Historical Review of NASA’s First Missions to the Surface of Mars”
- *The LAA donated paper goods and bottled water from our Retirement Celebration to the NASA Langley Viking Symposium.*

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- NO DISCUSSION

Vice President Report -- Picnic -- 64 people were in attendance!



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Vice President Report – Upcoming Speakers

August 11, 2026 – Stephanie Letourneau, Wetlands Watch. Rising Tides and Real Data: Community Science and Nature-Based Climate Resilience

September 8, 2026 – Steve Gayle, Acting Associate Center Director, Update to the State of the Center

October 13, 2026 – Bryan Barmore, Master Naturalist Program

November 10, 2026 – Neil O'Connor, NASA Langley's Air Traffic Operations Lab

December 8, 2026 – Holiday Luncheon

January 12, 2027 – Bobby Berrier, Vice President of Membership, CNU's Lifelong Learning Society

February 9, 2027 – Ruth Amundsen, Norfolk Solar Solutions

March 9, 2027 – Dr. Trina Dyal, Director, NASA Langley Research Center, State of the Center

2027 Potential Speakers

- Jennifer Inman – SCIFLI work on Artemis II launch
- Dragonfly Project

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Today's Speaker



Stephanie Letourneau
Community Science & Outreach Staff
[Catch the King](#) Coordinator
[Wetlands Watch](#)

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- Energetic speaker with engaged Q&A!