Langley Alumni Association (LAA) General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Larcalumni.org

2026 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)

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

2026 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

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Attendance:

- 47 in-person, 16 on-line

LAA General Membership Meeting – October 13, 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/Grant Information:** Ray Rhew
- **Communication Report:** Dick Hueschen
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Membership**: Amy Radford
  - **Website and Newsletter:** Rick Ross
  - **Information Technology:** Roman Paryz (pass)
  - **Hall of Honor:** Mary Beth Wusk
  - **Nominating Committee:** Neil O'Connor
  - **Ad Hoc Committee – Retirement Protocols (NASA/LAA):** Rich Antcliff (pass)
- **Vice President's Report:** Susan McClain
  - ***Speaker: Bryan Barmore, Master Naturalist Program***
- ***Next Month: November 10, 2026 – Neil O'Connor, NASA Langley's Air Traffic Operations Lab***
- **Adjourn: Board Meeting next –** ***All LAA members are welcome!***

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Summary of Significant Discussions / Motions / Actions

- NONE

President's Report

- **LAA Health: Growth in Membership this month 8 (+7 New/+1 Returning); Treasury is $23k**

- ***Thank you to our LAA members who volunteered over 30 hours at NASA Langley's Industry Day***

Mary DiJoseph, Lisa Harvey, Lucia Lee, Eric Rissling, Rick Ross, Frank Quinto, Steve Scotti & Dave Young

- ***LAA Grant Nomination Form distributed to members on Oct 9. Nominations accepted through Nov 6.***

- **Significant Motions, Actions and Discussions from Sept 8, 2026, Board Meeting:**
  - DISCUSSION on Spirit Wear sales and baseline plan for future cadence of group sales. Jill will talk about the new process during the Secretary's Report.
  - DISCUSSION (Hall of Honor) clarifying evaluation criteria weighting (equal) and Hall of Honor evaluation process for handling multiple nominations for single candidate (will not combine).
  - DISCUSSION (OSTEM) on whether LAA should launch an initiative to provide volunteers for OSTEM events; ACTION for Kathy to draft what the role might entail and poll next month.

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- NO DISCUSSION

President's Report – OSTEM Engagement Volunteer

Do you have a passion for helping students understand NASA's exciting adventures?

If so, we are looking for your assistance to investigate and implement how the LAA can support Langley's Office of STEM Engagement!

- ***Background:***
  - The LAA has had preliminary discussions with Langley's Office of STEM Engagement.
  - Due to developments this past year, OSTEM could use LAA's assistance in organizing events.

- ***Our volunteer request:***
  - Meet with OSTEM to understand their priorities.
  - Identify potential events for the LAA.
  - Understand LAA's responsibilities and the process to implement.
  - Present findings and recommendations to the LAA Board.
  - Organize with LAA support the implementation of decisions.

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- NO DISCUSSION

Secretary's Report

- **September 2026 Genel Meeting minutes approved & posted to Box**
  - ATTENDANCE: 57 in person, 21 on-line
  - DISCUSSION regarding workflow for badge renewal process. ACTION for Kathy to speak with Amy about sending emails to people being referred to OD for badge renewal so they are alerted that renewal is in process.
- **September 2026 Board Meeting Minutes approved & posted to Box**
- **LAA Spirit Wear Update**
  - **Group Orders complete – please pick up!**
    - **1 additional order of 1 item**
    - **LAA Patches sold out!**
    - **Thank you for showing your LAA spirit!**
  - **Individual orders can be placed at any time, same prices!!**
    - **Email the same LAA Spirit Wear order form to EmbroideryBySherri@gmail.com - you will pay & pickup from her directly**
  - **Future group orders to be delivered to LAA meetings are tentatively planned for May (delivery in June – so we can wear for LAA Picnic photo) and November (delivery in December – in time for holidays and end of year retirees)**
  - **Please send questions & completed orders to: LAASpiritWear@larcalumni.org**

PLEASE SIGN THE ATTENDANCE SHEET BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

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- DISCUSSION
  - Will we post the order form on the web site? A: Not sure, don't want it to be visible to the public, but will discuss options at Board meeting. Minimum will be a standing blurb in the newsletter with instructions and hotlink to order form.

Treasurer Summary

- **September 2026 Summary**
  - **Organization Share** **$25.00**
  - **Money Market Savings** **$4,861.08**
  - **Smart Checking** **$2,517.03**
  - **Certificate of Deposit** **$15,284.12**
  - **Total** **$22,687.23**
  - **Decrease (from August):** **$348.08**
    - **Income:**
      - **Interest**
      - **Dues (1 Lifetime)**
      - **Spirit Wear**
    - **Expenses**
      - **Spirit wear invoice**

- **Call for 2027 expenditures coming out soon – needed for budget planning**
- **LAA Grant Nomination Application Form distributed to members on Oct 9.**
  - **Nominations accepted through Nov 6.**
  - **See next page for information required to fill out the nomination form.**

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LAA Grant Nomination Application

- **Required Information for the Grant Nomination Form:**
  - LAA Point of Contact for this nomination – Name
  - LAA Point of Contact for this nomination – Email
  - LAA Point of Contact for this nomination - Phone Number
  - Nominated Organization Name
  - Nominated Organization Point of Contact – Name
  - Nominated Organization Point of Contact – Email
  - Nominated Organization Point of Contact - Phone Number
  - Description of specific activity this award will support (500 characters with spaces/~ 5 sentences)
  - Donation alignment with LAA By-Laws: Encourage and facilitate Alumni involvement in activities benefiting students from elementary school through college to increase the students' ability to succeed in all educational opportunities.
  - Impact of receiving the LAA donation (500 characters with spaces/~ 5 sentences)
  - Requested Funding Level Per Year
  - Requested Funding Level Timeline: One Year or multi-year
  - How will the LAA be recognized for this donation?
  - How much of the organization's donations go to their mission versus overhead expenses? (Website that provides information on charities: Charity Navigator - https://www.charitynavigator.org/ein/541447096)

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DISCUSSION

- Does school need to be local? A: No, but need to say how it benefits or connects to NASA Langley

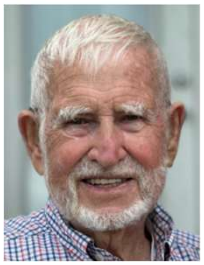
In Memory of Individuals – October 13, 2026



Larry Rash, 82



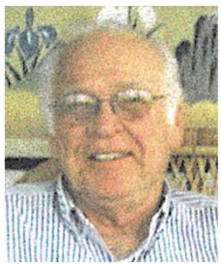
Ronald "Ron" Marmol, 79



Robert "Bob" Doggett, Jr, 92



JoAnn Woodcock



Straughan Edwards, 92



William "Bill" Suit, 89



Dr. Raymond "Ray" Montgomery, 88

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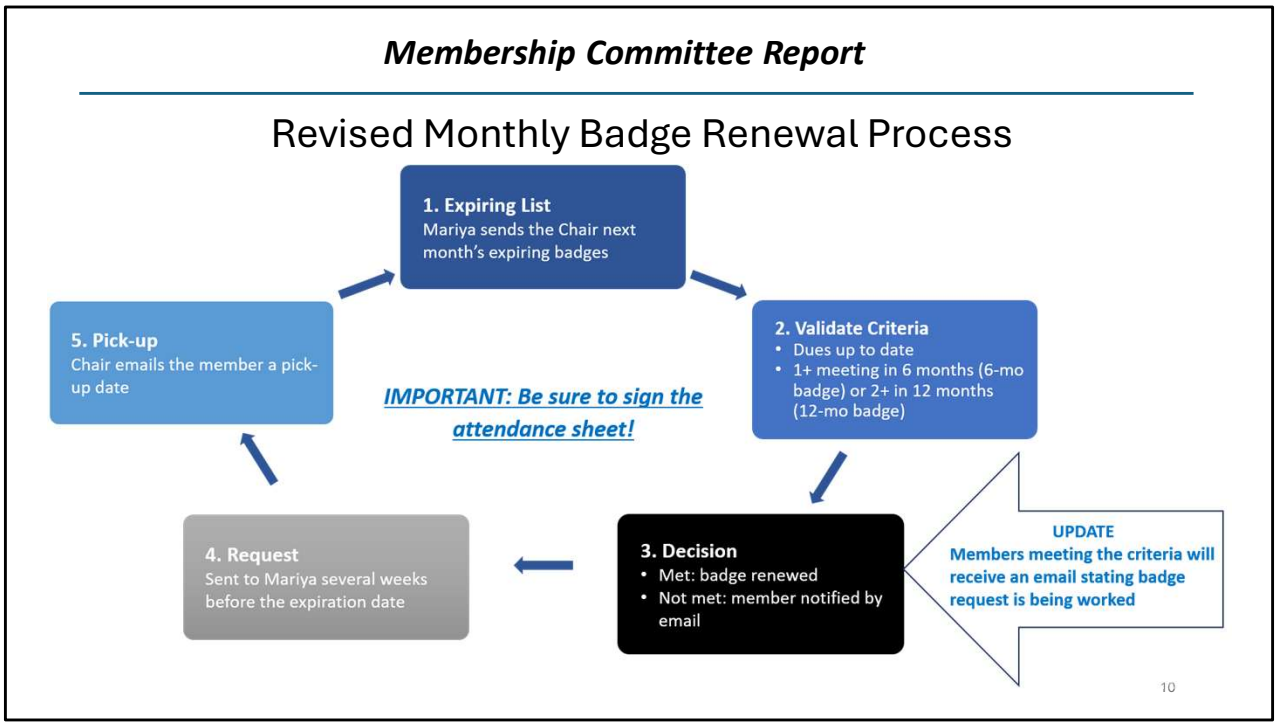
Membership Committee Report

7 New and 1 Returning members – Total ***324*** Active Members

- **Debra Hurst** retired from Office of the Chief Information Officer in 2026 with 36 years service. Debra resides in Toano.
- **Kathleen Powell** retired from the Science Directorate in 2026 with 44 years service. Kathleen resides in Yorktown with her spouse Richard.
- **Keith Wilmer** retired from the Center Operations Directorate in 2025 with 27 years service. Keith lives in Newport News with his spouse Gloria Zabala.
- **Melanie Robinson Holman** retired from the Office of Communications in 2026 with 30 years service. Melanie resides in Carrollton with her spouse Jonathan.
- **Teresa Hass** retired from Office of Procurement in 2026 with 32 years service. Teresa resides in Yorktown with her spouse Neal.
- **Susan Campbell** retired from the Office of Communications in 2026 with 42 years service. Susan resides in Poquoson with her spouse Wayne.
- **Fred Hubble** left Langley Research Center in 1968 with 4 years service. Fred resides in Florida with his spouse Mary Talbott.
- **Welcome Back! Richard Powell** retired from the Engineering Directorate in 2022 with 55 years service. Richard resides in Yorktown with his spouse Kathleen.

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Membership Committee Report

- Langley has asked if the LAA can help them locate the following individuals – retirement plaque and awards
- Please send contact info to Membership@larcalumni.org

Robert Allen	Melody Avery	Paul Bagby	Jeremiah Barry
Doug Boggs	Paul F. Brown	Robert H. Bush	John Connel
Robert Edahl	Barbara I. Haga	Lisa Hall	Doris Hamill
Kenny Elliott	Joseph C. Havens	Ricky Hoff	Lucas Horta
Leon Harris Jr.	David G Johnson	Ian Mark Levitt	Barbara Lumanog
Su-Yuen Hsu	Wayne Matthews	Lakassia McCoy	Anthony Notari
Frank Peri, Jr.	Mulugeta Petros	Allen White	David Shuster
Steven Sieder	Thomas Sweeney		David White
Thomas White	William Wilkerson		

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- DISCUSSION
  - Per Mercedes Reaves: Wayne Matthews passed away a few years ago

Website & Publications Committee Report

- **Maintained and updated the website**
- **Deadline for articles for the December newsletter is November 10.**



Thanks to all who submitted newsletter articles for our September 2026 newsletter!



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Hall of Honor Updates

- **On-line application went live Sept 1st!**
- **https://larcalumni.org/nomination-form/**
- **Inside Langley article received several hundred views.**
- **Center-wide email (~3,500 employees) sent.**
- **LAA website & LAA social media updated.**
- **Advertising slide deck completed.**
- **Brief video in development (Oct).**
- **HoH Operations Team advertising (see next slide).**



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Hall of Honor Advertising Plan

Please contact Susan McClain (Marketing Coordinator) if you have any other suggestions. Thank you!

Marketing Information Distribution - October 2026	
Marketing Target/Action	***POC***
Postings on the NASA Langley social media channels	Jeff Herath
Postings on LAA social media channels (Facebook, LinkedIn)	Mary Beth Wusk
Langley Alumni Association (LAA) Website	Jeff Antol
Langley Alumni Association Email	Mary Beth Wusk
Email to 3000 current employess at Nasa Langley	Rob Wyman
Article on Inside Langley	Rob Wyman
NASA Langley Contractors Steering Council (LCSC) {Meetings held monthly.)	Susan McClain/Jeff Herath
Virginia Air and Space Center (VASC)	Neil O'Conner
CNU PCSE (Physics, Computer Science and Engineering) Mentoring Coordinator	Mary Beth Wusk
CNU Lifelong Learning Society	Susan McClain
Society for Women Engineers Hampton Roads Chapter	Mary Beth Wusk

Marketing Information Distribution - October 2026	
Marketing Target/Action	***POC***
LAA Newsletter (September & December 2021)	Jeff Antol
Video (Take 5-type for internal/external use) - short segment explaining the Hall of Honor/Nomination process	Mary Beth Wusk/ Jeff Herath
NASA Langley Center Leadership Council	Kathy Ferrare/Jeff Herath
NASA Langley Colloquium Series and Sigma Series	Neil O'Conner/Jeff Herath
AIAA Hampton Roads Section Newsletter/general membership emails	Steve Bauer
AIAA Aerospace America magazine and AIAA Daily Launch	Steve Bauer
HRMFA	Kathy Ferrare
Science professional societies: American Geophysical Union (AGU) & American Meteorological Society (AMS)	Steve Bauer
Other local professional organizations such as the Peninsula Engineers Council, the Virginia AeroSpace Business Association	Susan McClain
Hampton Roads Alliance (www.hamptonroadsalliance.com)	Susan McClain
Center for Innovative Technology (www.cit.org)	Susan McClain
Virginia AeroSpace Business Association	Kathy Ferrare
National Technical Association Hampton Roads Chapter	Neil O'Conner
Federal Women's Program (FWP)	Kathy Ferrare
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers Southeast Virginia Professional Chapter - SHPE Region	Neil O'Conner
Advertising nomination process in newspapers – ex: Daily Press	Jeff Antol
Universities (VT, UVA, NC State, others?)	All
Tidewater Aero Club	Neil O'Conner

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Promotional Slide Deck sent to all LAA employees



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Nominating Committee

- **Nomination committee continues its search activities:**
  - Our open positions are Treasurer and six Members at Large for the new Class of 2030 cohort.
  - We've polled and received answers from all current board members who are eligible to continue into 2027.
  - On Oct 7-8, we initiated the second phase, which is asking all new members (joined in 2025-26) who indicated interest in serving on the board.

- **Notes:**
  - If you are interested in serving on the Board and have not been asked, please contact Neil O'Connor at pilotneilo@verizon.net and let us know!
  - Please respond to my inquiry emails when you first read them to minimize the team's workload. If we do not get a timely email response, we will make phone calls to follow up.

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Vice President Report – Membership Involvement

NASA Langley Industry Day (September 22nd)

- Industry Day:
  - Supported the LaRC Aerospace Innovation District (AID) Hub Request for Information (RFI), through which, NASA is seeking expressions of interest from qualified public and private entities to partner in the development of land at NASA LaRC.
  - NASA is looking for prospective partners to help establish the innovation hub of the mid-Atlantic aerospace ecosystem and the East Coast gateway for global aerospace research and development collaboration.

Thank you to our LAA members who volunteered over 30 hours!
Mary DiJoseph, Lisa Harvey, Lucia Lee, Eric Rissling,
Rich Ross, Frank Quinto, Steve Scotti and Dave Young

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Vice President Report – NASA Langley Invitation

NASA B777 on October 15th at 1:00 pm

- All Langley Alumni Association current members in good standing are invited to join NASA Langley at the showing of the B777.
- This will be an "internal" event for NASA Langley employees and LAA members; no family or guests.



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Vice President Report – Upcoming Speakers

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 – To be announced

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

April 13, 2027- Ruth Amundsen, Norfolk Solar Solutions

2027 Potential Speakers

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

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Today's Speaker



Bryan Barmore
Master Naturalist Program

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