

NAR Board of Trustees conference call, June 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 PM Eastern Time.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Carol Marple, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Tom Ha, Treasurer; Randy Boadway; Vince Huegele; Kevin Johnson; Ed LaCroix; Jim Wilkerson.

Absent: None.

National Events

John, Ed, and Todd Schweim will be attending the National Sport Launch this weekend. About 130 flyers have pre-registered through the NAR/NSL website. Event director Greg Lyzenga expects about 100 walk-ons.

NARAM-61: Things are moving along. Ed has received sample T-shirts from the Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) production department. They look acceptable to Ed, but he may "tweak the scale on the artwork." Shirt sales should provide some revenue.

NARAM-62: Ed has found a volunteer to be the contest director, but he would like to talk to a couple of other people. Ed is still in talks with a prospective host section.

NARCON 2020: There hasn't been much progress, since event director because Steve Lubliner has been out of town. Ed has Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for host hotels.

NSL 2020: Brochures will be available at NSL 2019. The event will be held in Alamosa, Colorado.

Treasurer's Report

Tom said that our balances are "way, way down," due to expenses from the Student Launch Program (SLP) and TARC, along with the usual recurring expenses for *Sport Rocketry*, section grants, etc.

John said that Tom should have received the SLP reimbursement on May 23, but Tom hasn't seen it. John will contact NASA to follow up.

Sales at TARC were quite good, with NARTS selling nearly a thousand dollars of shirts for the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) and another \$2000 of goods for the NAR.

We currently have \$700 in this round of funding for the Museum of Flight. John asked Tom if we could come up with some sort of reporting to Pat Fitzpatrick (our MoF liaison) so that he knows what kind of funding is coming in. Tom said that would be no problem, and that he would copy John on all such correspondence.

Tom continues to work with Anne Heacock, our new accountant. They need to complete the IRS 990 form, which was due on May 15 but automatically extended to November 15.

Board Meeting Agenda Items

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 29. John asked the board members to come up with topics for the meeting agenda.

Randy would like to consider two things: A member survey, and more brainstorming and discussion on what we can do to encourage junior members to join NAR. Randy suggested that we could do this in breakout sessions – two groups.

Vince asked whether we'd have any official contact with AMA leadership since we're meeting in Muncie. Ed said he'd ask Jay Marsh if there was any interest in the two boards getting together. (The AMA Council is meeting on July 27-28.)

Ed asked whether the convention space has to be tied to the host hotel in the future, since he's been hearing from members who were concerned about the cost of the host hotel. (It's a major budget hit for some members.) Carol asked if it would be possible to find one or two other hotels and find small blocks at a lower price point in the future. Ed acknowledges that price has been a concern among some members. Demand for hotel rooms in Muncie is high due to weddings and other AMA events.

HPR Update

Jim reported that John Thompson has agreed to take over the HPR committee from Art Upton. John is eager to help.

Other

John asked Kevin to talk to Jon Bolden regarding the S&T list on the website. Kevin is working on the issue.

Carol asked Ed for names of prospective Leader Advisory Council members. She would like them to have 15 minutes at the board meeting to discuss reconstituting the LAC. Randy will e-mail other suggestions to Carol.

Mark reported that 16 members applied for scholarships before the June 1 deadline. The application packages will be sent to the judges within the week. [The applications were sent to the judges on June 15.] Approximately 140 members have voted online in the Board of Trustees election. Members have until July 28 to vote online.

There was some discussion of the NAR Facebook page. Should *Sport Rocketry* be available in PDF format? There was additional discussion of allowing members to opt out of receiving *Sport Rocketry* in print. The board will discuss this in more detail at the August meeting.

Following up on the discussion during the May conference call, **the Board voted unanimously to approve the new Section Championship rules.** They will take effect on July 1, 2019.

Kevin said that Jonathan Rains is working with NEON, our member database provider, on necessary changes.

John will work on appropriate wording for a policy stating that anyone staffing a NAR booth at an event must wear NAR or non-branded clothing, i.e. no manufacturer or vendor-branded attire.

Call adjourned at 10:09 PM. The next conference call is scheduled for July 10, at 9:00 PM Eastern Time.