NAR Board of Trustees conference call, January 8, 2020

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

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Carol Marple, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Randy Boadway; Ed LaCroix; Becky Green; Lynn Thomas; Jim Wilkerson.

Absent: None.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Because he is not an authorized signer on our accounts at Americhoice Credit Union, Kevin is unable to redeem NAR certificates of deposit. John asked Kevin to send him Americhoice’s contact information.

John reported progress on getting NASA to pay the invoice for SLP support. (approximately $70,000)

TD Type sent invoices for Member Guidebook expenses, website maintenance, and the January-February issue of *Sport Rocketry.*

A couple of donations have come in for the NAR History Fund.

Kevin is working on running a report from PayPal to determine the total amount of donations to the Museum of Flight initiative.

**National Events**

NARCON: Registration is open.

NSL: The website is close to launch. Ed is trying to finalize one more hotel contract through event director Matt Abbey. (Ed is not using Experient, our regular hotel contractor, for the event because of Matt’s local connections.) Matt continues to get strong support from the local community.

NARAM: Ed has talked to CD Dan Wolf about getting started on content development for the NARAM website.

**High Power Rocketry**

John Thompson (HPR committee chair) sent all Board members an updated draft of the Level 2 written exam. Jim feels that John has been a worthy successor to Art Upton (previous HPR committee chair). Todd Schweim is working on designing a new application form and exam paperwork. The new application form should be posted to the NAR website soon.

In his e-mail, John Thompson requested direction from the Board on the following three questions:

1. Does the Board approve the new exam format (Reusable Exam Booklet with single page Answer Sheet as well as Answer Key)?
2. Does the Board approve the submission of only the graded Answer Sheet to NAR HQ and the electronic storage of that form (instead of hard copy) once that format is figured out?
3. Does the Board approve the procedure update from where any NAR member was able to proctor the L2 exam to only L2 or higher NAR members?

With regard to question 1, the Board’s consensus was to approve the new format. Since NAR HQ already accepts submission of the graded answer sheet electronically, the Board agreed that question 2 is moot.

With regard to question 3, John Hochheimer said he did not see proctor eligibility as a big issue. Randy was concerned about finding proctors in Sections where an L2-certified proctor was not available. Carol pointed out that at least one Level 2-certified member would still have to be on the certification team for the flight. The Board’s consensus was to allow any NAR Senior member to proctor the Level 2 written exam, but we are open to further input from the HPR committee.

John Hochheimer will e-mail John Thompson and cc Board members with our decisions.

**Other**

Steve Shannon, Tripoli president, sent John a new reciprocity agreement for HPR certification that reflects NAR’s updated Junior Level 1 program. John will sign it on behalf of the NAR and return it to Tripoli.

Trip Barber informed John that all NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) rocketry codes will come up for modification and renewal at the same time, rather than being split among multiple renewal cycles. Trip believes that this will make things smoother and achieve some efficiencies in travel, etc.

The Board discussed the recent controversy over our new Facebook page policy, in which we only allow vendors to post to the NAR page on Thursdays. The page administrators (Jim, Carol, and Mark) said that the furor has pretty much died down, and that the policy has generally been well received by members. We can always revisit it if future events warrant. John said he thought the admins handled the situation well and added, “I think you guys are doing an awesome job.” Jim said the admins could schedule a follow-up meeting with John if it ever seems necessary, but that we’re good for now.

Randy announced that we now have 210 Sections, an all-time high, and commended Chuck Neff for his great work as Section Activities Chair.

The next conference call will be on February 5, 2020 at 9:00 PM Eastern Time.

Call adjourned at 10:09 PM.