

NAR Town Hall

The NAR Town Hall began at 8:01 PM Eastern Time on July 29, 2020. The meeting was conducted via Zoom webinar due to the postponement of NARAM-62.

Todd Schweim (NAR web designer and publisher of *Sport Rocketry*) provided technical support for the Zoom webinar.

Lynn Thomas moved to open the meeting. Randy Boadway seconded. The meeting formally opened at 8:02 PM.

NAR President John Hochheimer began his presentation with a discussion of rocketry safety. In addition to the customary reminders about fire safety, property damage, and power lines, John discussed COVID-19 precautions. He praised Sections for holding online meetings and cautioned members to practice social distancing at launches.

As of July 29, the NAR had 7438 members (including 3723 holding high-power certification) and 216 Sections. John thanked Section Activities Chair Chuck Neff for his outstanding work in building up the Sections.

John took a moment to thank editor Tom Beach and publisher Todd Schweim for their continued work on *Sport Rocketry*.

Our financial situation is stable despite rising costs, as noted during last Saturday's Board meeting.

John updated the attendees on the status of our relationship with the Museum of Flight. The next big project, curating the Lee and Betty Piester Collection, is about to begin. The Museum would appreciate financial donations to assist this work.

John noted that the mean and median ages of NAR members continues to drop. The mean member age is currently 46, the median member age is 52.

John discussed the NAR Facebook page. The page currently has over 8900 members. He reminded members of the rules regarding content and etiquette, which are posted at the top of the page. He advised members to review the rules

John then asked for questions.

One member objected to having Facebook posts deleted without warning or discussion, claiming that it violated Article III, Section 11 of the NAR bylaws. (Membership in the NAR Facebook group is separate from actual membership in the National Association of Rocketry, so the NAR bylaws do not apply in this case.)

Another member wanted to know why he had been removed from the Facebook group. (Since the member used a screen name on Facebook, the page administrators were unable to look into the matter.)

Gary Rosenfield of Aerotech asked if the current policy allowing vendors to post on Thursdays only could be rescinded. John said that he would discuss it with the moderators.

Scott Tyrell requested access to raw motor testing data for an R&D project. John said that he would talk to the Standards and Testing committee to find out whether there was a policy regarding the sharing of raw data.

John took a moment to thank the committee chairs, the editor of *Sport Rocketry*, the TARC director, the Board of Trustees, the NAR Historian, the Level 3 Coordinating Committee, and the Contest Board. He also thanked Chris Flanigan, Don Carson, and Ed LaCroix for organizing this year's informal "Virtual NARAM."

He reserved special thanks for Randy Boadway for his service as a NAR trustee, his tenure as Section Activities committee chair, his work on the Website Excellence Award committee, and his service as NARAM-49 contest director.

John announced this year's award recipients:

- Junior Science Fair Contest: Sebastian Ochoa, NAR #108842
- Website Excellence Award
 - 1st place: Monroe Astronautical Rocket Society (MARS #136), Bill Clune, Webmaster
 - 2nd place: Southwest Michigan Association of Spacemodeling Hobbyists (SMASH #500), Pamela Gilmore, Webmaster
 - 3rd place: Blue Mountain Rocketeers (BMR #615), Tim Quigg, Webmaster
 - 4th place: Dallas Area Rocket Society (DARS #308), Jack Sprague, Webmaster
- LAC Newsletter Award
 - ZOG-43 (NARHAMS #139), Don Carson, Editor
 - Honorable Mention: Total Impulse (JMRC #620/HUVARS #463), Buzz Nau, Editor

Mark Wise announced the recipients of grants and scholarships for the 2020-21 school year. The full list may be found at <https://www.nar.org/educational-resources/nar-scholarship-program-and-robert-l-cannon-award/>.

Mark announced the results of the NAR Board election:

- Art Applewhite 98
- John Hochheimer 300
- Kevin Johnson 250
- Stephen Lubliner 190
- William Walby 179

John, Kevin, and Steve were declared elected.

Carol Marple moved to adjourn. Ed LaCroix seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wise, Secretary