

NAR Board of Trustees conference call, January 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 PM Eastern Time.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Carol Marple, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Becky Green (joined 8:21); Steve Kristal; Steve Lubliner; Lynn Thomas; Jim Wilkerson.

Absent: None.

President's Report

John reports that our employees are working well together. Mayra has taken on the management of high-power certification and is "going like gangbusters," as John put it. She speaks with Marie daily.

Todd Schweim traveled to Iowa to upgrade the computer at NAR HQ. This is the first hardware upgrade since NAR adopted the NEON member database.

Todd and Ed LaCroix are working very diligently on Virtual NARCON (vNARCON). The program has been finalized, with really good speakers set up for both evenings. John said that we could potentially have 1000 members register for the event.

John will follow up with Todd and Estes regarding Estes' proposal to advertise in *The Electronic Rocketeer*.

John reported that Todd and Chuck Neff "have gone above and beyond" regarding the updated high-power certification process. The system is now up and running on the NAR website, and is much more automated than the previous process. John tested it recently and said that it worked fine, taking less than 10 minutes from start to finish. Chuck will roll it out to the Sections in the next few days. John added that the new process for HPR written tests (as required for Level 2 and Junior Level 1) will be fully effective by April 15, when the Section renewal process is complete. Carol added that there will be a few weeks of overlap between the new and old processes.

John has received suggestions from several members regarding awards. He is currently looking for an artist to help create a suitable graphic to accompany the Spadafora Award, which was approved during the NARCON 2016 Board meeting but has yet to be awarded. John intends to present a number of awards during NARCON and NARAM.

Looking ahead to the NARCON board meeting, John would like to discuss three major topics:

1. Set the 2022 budget.
2. Determine what our educational content and commitment to education should be. Lynn is already working on content design. Carol suggested reaching out Jim Flis as a member who has demonstrated experience in both education and rocketry. We could also make use of our connections with the National Science Teachers Association.
3. Discuss National Events. John said that we need to take a hard look at national, perhaps even international, events, and that he would welcome new ideas.

Treasurer's Report

Kevin reported that "We're looking pretty good financially." He is still working on closing NAR's accounts with Americhoice Credit Union.

Committee Reports

Safety

Steve Lubliner is working with the Experimental Sounding Rocket Association (ESRA) on the 2022 Spaceport America Cup. He asked whether there was a way to confirm that NAR volunteers are Level 3 certified and that their memberships will not expire before the Spaceport America finals. Kevin said that he could run a report from NEON and provide it to Steve.

High Power

Jim said that most of the recent activity has been related to certification and registration, which Todd Schweim and Chuck Neff have handled.

Section Activities

Carol will talk to Chuck Neff in the next day or two and update the Board accordingly. She said that there has been no new information on "missing Sections" since the December conference call.

Education

Becky said that she is currently working with a teacher from Santa Monica to put together a classroom event for about 15 students, followed by a launch in Mojave.

National Events

Steve Kristal said that Ed LaCroix has done a "really great" job of lining up content for vNARCON.

Miscellaneous

Steve Lubliner asked John about reaching out to John Lyngdal about developing a malfunction report for onboard electronics, equivalent to the MESS report for motors. Steve said that he would like to see something announced at NARCON.

Carol asked if we could upload photos of NARTS products to the NAR website in order to boost sales. She will ask Brad Cline (NAR Technical Services chair) to send sample products to Jim for photographs.

The next scheduled conference call will be on March 2, 2022, at 9:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.