

## NAR Board of Trustees conference call, April 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 PM Eastern Time.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Carol Marple, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Becky Green; Steve Lubliner; Lynn Thomas, Jim Wilkerson (arrived 8:55).

Absent: Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Steve Kristal.

Todd Schweim, NAR Communications Director, managed the technical aspects of the meeting and provided input as appropriate.

Steve L. said that the Experimental Sounding Rocket Association (ESRA) has invited NAR to have a booth at the Spaceport America Cup. The event is in mid-June. Can we staff and equip the booth? John's inclination is to support the event, and he will see if he could attend the event to staff the booth. Becky said that she was a "possible" for the event. Steve said that Jim (who was not yet present in the meeting) might be at Spaceport America, too. John said that business cards would be sufficient for a give-away at the booth.

### **President's Report**

We have hired Lavie Ohana as the NAR's contract social media coordinator. She does social media for the Hot Nozzle Society (which present one of the evening keynotes during NARCON) and is an avid rocketeer who flies with two sections in California sections.

The HPR certification process is turning out to be a bit cumbersome, and we are trying to fix the problems. Mayra has found that when a single person certifies multiple people at one launch, it requires more e-mails to the certifier than should be necessary. She is working with Todd and Chuck Neff to improve the process. John and Becky noted that it is taking people a while to get the hang of the new process for L2 certification.

There was a fire at a launch in northern Colorado on Saturday, April 2, that burned about three acres. A fire crew was on standby during the launch, which allowed the fire to be extinguished relatively quickly. There was a red flag fire ban in effect for the area that day, and reported winds were gusting above 25 mph. *No one should have been launching.*

John would like the Board members to think about how we would structure a diversity committee. Someone like Robin Houston could be tremendously helpful with such an effort. Not only is it the right thing to do for its own sake, but a stronger commitment to diversity could help improve our numbers in the younger age groups.

John brought up the pending Board. The nominees are Becky, Lynn, and Don Carson. Carol is stepping down from the Board to devote more time to family. She said that she cannot devote the time to NAR business that she believes is necessary to do it justice.

The Board discussed the NAR's structure. The organization is becoming too big to run from Marie's basement but is not yet large enough to afford the services of a management company. Steve suggested that the Board make it a project to determine how to make the President's job more manageable.

John said that the July meeting is shaping up to be a challenge, as he is scheduled to be in London for the International TARC finals during the week of NARAM. He has not figured out how to attend both events – he would have to depart Missouri on Sunday to get to London in time. John said that we could transact Board business during the July and August conference calls and that he could run the Town Hall from the UK via Zoom. He may prepare Town Hall slides for another trustee to deliver in person. John will work with Lynn, who volunteered to present the “State of the NAR” presentation at the Town Hall.

### **Miscellaneous**

Mark asked the Board members to read the draft minutes from the NARCON board meeting and be prepared to accept them during the May conference call.

Becky is working with “the two Nicoles,” Nicole Bayeur and Nicole Sjoblom of Estes, to follow up on the California Girl Scout initiative for new STEM programs. John mentioned in passing that TARC is targeting Girl Scout groups, too. John suggested that Becky reach out to Katrina Hill (AIA TARC Director) after TARC has settled down, later in the summer.

Jim asked if NAR is honoring Junior Level 1 cross-certifications with TRA. Jim said he would contact Chuck and reach out to TRA.

The next scheduled conference call will be on May 4, 2022, at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.