

NAR Board of Trustees conference call, August 3, 2022

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

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Don Carson; Becky Green; Steve Kristal; Steve Lubliner; Lynn Thomas; Jim Wilkerson.

Absent: None.

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

Election of Officers and Executive Committee

John moved that the following slate of officers for the next year be elected:

- President: John Hochheimer
- Vice President: Steve Kristal
- Secretary: Mark Wise
- Treasurer: Kevin Johnson
- Executive Committee: John Hochheimer, Steve Kristal, Mark Wise

Mark seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report

Welcome Elected Trustees

John welcomed Don Carson to the Board and welcomed back Lynn and Becky, who were both reelected to a second term.

International Rocketry Competition

John and Trip Barber represented the United States. The weather was hot, and British Airways lost John's luggage, but everything else went well. The Japanese team won, with the U.S. team coming in second. John added that the U.S. team "hit a home run" on the presentation competition.

NARAM/FAI Team Selection

John congratulated everyone on a successful NARAM and team selection. Execution of the event went unbelievably well, with visitors and parents stepping up to serve as timers when the scheduled timing crew was shorthanded.

Changes to NARAM and National Events

John has not received any negative feedback from his article in the *E-Rocketeer* describing the way ahead (a shorter NARAM emphasizing competition, two National Sport Launches annually). Jim said it

was grumped about a fair bit on TRF (rocketryforum.com), but the announcement that there will be a sport range at NARAM 64 defused most of the hard feelings.

Treasurer's Report

Kevin reported that our balances are in pretty good shape. We received two deposits from the Marshall Spaceflight Center totaling over \$80,000.

We still have roughly \$6,900 in accounts with Americhoice Credit Union. Kevin said that we need to figure out how to move those funds to a NARTS account.

Our PayPal balance is currently \$504.00. Kevin transfers the PayPal balance to the general fund every two weeks or so.

Total cash balance is \$310,403.96.

Discussion of NAR Committees and Board Liaisons

John will look at committees and liaisons and adjust the trustee liaison assignments to reflect Don's arrival and Carol Marple's departure from the Board.

Volunteer for Revisions to By-Laws

John said that we need to take a look at the NAR bylaws and modernize them. He asked Don to look at the existing bylaws and tell us what he needs to accomplish any necessary revisions.

Steve L. asked if the NAR's Articles of Incorporation need to be looked at as we review the bylaws. John said that NAR must renew its corporate registration in Colorado annually, attaching a current copy of the bylaws and a list of trustees. John will find out whether we need to review our Articles.

Committee Reports

Safety

Steve L. sent John, Jim, and Becky copies of letters that he has been sending out regarding questions about launcher location (section 11 of the HPR Safety Code), as discussed during the July conference call. Steve believes that he can handle the situation on a case-by-case basis until NFPA 1127 (Code for High Power Rocketry) comes up for its scheduled review.

HPR/Awards

Jim noted that there has been some venting in the NAR Facebook group regarding the ban on 3D-printed structural components in Level 3 certification flights. Jim will talk to Pat Gordzelik (Level 3 Committee Chair) and report back to John.

Jim received a note from Chad Ring (NARAM 63 Contest Director), letting Jim know that he and Bob Kaplow are working on obtaining a plaque for Ryan Woebkenberg, who won the Ric Gaff Memorial Prang Award at NARAM.

Jim asked the Trustees to send him any award suggestions they might have. Steve K. suggested a Carlisle Award for technical achievement and named two plausible recipients. The sense of the Board was to proceed with the suggested Carlisle Award. Jim will come back to the Board next month with suggestions.

Todd said that he would move the awards page to a more prominent location on the website.

National Events

Vern Richardson will host NARAM 64 in Lordsburg, New Mexico. The site is about two hours from Tucson, at a very high elevation. He will try to run a sport range in conjunction with the event.

Matt Abbey is planning to host the first NSL of 2023 in Alamosa, Colorado. We are looking for an East Coast site for the second NSL of 2023, and Steve K. is open to suggestions. John suggested that he talk to Chuck Neff.

Education

Becky heard from the Girl Scouts. Her new point of contact asked for time to get up to speed and said that she will reach out to Becky and Nicole Sjoblom (Education and Outreach Specialist at Estes) when she is ready.

Introduction of Rocketry Program Expression of Interest

John presented a draft "NAR Rocketry Program Expression of Interest Development Plan." He envisions it as a template for any member to develop a business plan for a new idea and present it to the Board for a decision. John asked the Board members to review the draft, mark it up, and send it back to him. He prefers "Track Changes."

Roundtable of Trustees

Todd said that the person he'd hired as our Social Media Coordinator did not work out. He ran a help-wanted ad online and received 120 applications. He narrowed the applicant pool down to 5, plans to start interviewing candidates on August 4th, and hopes to hire someone within the week.

Becky said that ARLISS is coming up. While there will not be many teams from the United States, 12 teams from Japan have registered (totaling about 80 students) as well as teams from Peru and Costa Rica. Todd said that he would set up a social media presence for ARLISS for the coming year in hopes of increasing U.S. participation.

Don asked about discussions of NAR policy on the NAR Facebook page. Todd said that he has found a site that will only allow access by current NAR members, using information from the NEON member database. This would be a more appropriate forum for discussing NAR policies. Todd hopes to have the new site up and running by the beginning of the fourth quarter. His goal is to make the public Facebook page more of a marketing tool.

Lynn said that she may have recruited a potential event director or CD for a national event a few years from now. She will pass the person's name to Steve K.

Mark said that we need more administrators or moderators for the Facebook page. John and Todd will work to recruit suitable volunteers.

Steve L. asked if we could set up a social media presence for the Spaceport America Cup, as we are planning to do with ARLISS. John and Todd agreed that it could be done.

John said that the Hot Nozzle Society's *Rocket Rodeo 2022* went very well. John attended and said that he had a lot of fun. John will talk to Jenna Foertsch, Executive Director of the Hot Nozzle Society, next week regarding a continuing way ahead for NAR and HNS.

The next scheduled conference call will be on September 7, 2022, at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 PM.