

NAR Board of Trustees conference call, July 6, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 PM Eastern Time.

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

Absent: None.

Others present: Jennifer Ash, Don Carson, Kevin Stumpe, John Thompson.

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

President's Report

John reported on his trip to the Spaceport America Cup. He called it "quite the eye-opening experience." He said it was well-run and that he felt safe the whole time. He will be attending the Hot Nozzle Society's Rocket Rodeo 2022 in Austin, Texas this weekend. NAR is supporting the event with \$5,000 in social media support in return for sharing branding and other considerations. HNS is an interesting group with lots of energy. John expects to see some new NAR members from this collaboration.

John departs for the International Rocketry Challenge flyoffs on July 17. The flyoffs will be held at the Farnborough Airshow on July 22.

John received a note from Tom Beach regarding the LAC Newsletter Award. The judges received only two entries this year. John asked the Board members to ponder a way ahead for the award. Is it even worth continuing? Jennifer suggested surveying previous winners. Todd suggested asking Tom what he thinks we should do with the Rockwell Trophy (a traveling trophy awarded to the winner each year) if we discontinue the award.

Treasurer's Report

Kevin reported that the NAR's balance was around \$210,000 a week ago, when he last checked the balance.

NARAM has almost \$19,000 of paid-up registrations. Kevin has some NARAM-related invoices to pay.

Kevin will talk to James Duffy (Contest Director) and Mark Bundick (Treasurer) regarding the 2023 World Spacemodeling Championships. He needs to talk to Anne Heacock, our accountant, regarding setting up accounts for WSMC.

John asked Kevin to separate the endowed scholarships (Jay Apt Endowed Scholarship, Len Fehskens Scholarship) from the general fund on cash reports.

John will work with John Langford to obtain access to the Internats checking account.

Kevin sent Trip Barber a couple of checks to finalize the TARC transactions. NAR will be reimbursed by the Aerospace Industries Association.

Ed LaCroix sent Kevin a couple of years' worth of receipts for National Events and Quartermaster expenses.

Miscellaneous

Becky continues to work with the Girl Scouts and Nicole Sjoblom of Estes.

Becky said that ARLISS, which was cancelled in 2020 and 2021, will take place this year. Twelve teams from Japan, two from Peru, and one from Costa Rica have registered. She continues to work with the team from UC-Davis team, many of whose members have been building Level 1 or Level 2 rockets in preparation for certification attempts this fall.

Lynn said that she went to a local Section launch at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana a couple of weeks ago, and gave out four free memberships. She said there were lots of interested kids at the launch.

Steve K. said that National Events are going well. He is looking forward to NARAM, where we will announce the new plan (two National Sport Launches, one on either side of the Mississippi River, plus NARAM) at the Town Hall. We have been incredibly successful at attracting Juniors for WSMC. Twenty-seven Juniors plan to attend the flyoffs at NARAM, and 24 of those have also registered for NARAM. Fifty Seniors will also participate in the flyoffs.

Steve L. discussed a proposal to update Section 11 (Launcher Location) of the High Power Rocketry Safety Code. John suggested a conference call with a select group to discuss this topic.

Carol said that she will contact Chuck Neff in the next few days for a Section Activities update.

Jim said that we will announce one Galloway Award and one Stine Award during the NARAM Town Hall.

Jim moved that the NAR reimburse Board members up to \$1500 for travel expenses related to NARAM-63. Becky seconded. Motion carried 6-0, with Kevin and Steve L. abstaining.

Todd said that the NAR website is still getting 68,000 page views per month. He added that he needs material for social media posts, and specifically asked Carol and Jim if they could provide photos. Carol will give him access to photos on her website. Todd also asked all Board members to pass along any ideas they have for social media posts, such as ARLISS, grants and scholarships, etc.

John noted that the NAR had 8850 members on June 30. Our numbers continue to climb.

Carol is stepping down from the Board at the end of her current term. John thanked her for her service as NAR Trustee and Vice President.

The next scheduled conference call will be on August 3, 2022, at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 PM.