

NAR Board of Trustees conference call, June 7, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 PM Eastern Time, following executive session (began 8:02).

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

Absent: None.

Others present: Pat Gordzelik (L3CC chair – present for executive session only), Matt Johnson, Jerry Kraus.

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

President's Notes

John has heard from NEON, the vendor who manages the NAR member database. He will work with Todd and with Anne Heacock, our accountant, regarding changes to the database structure to improve efficiency. John expects to hold a Zoom call in late July to discuss upgrades with the vendor.

The Hot Nozzle Society's summer event in Geneseo, NY has been cancelled. They are looking at holding an event on the West Coast this fall, with NAR members providing range assistance.

Our membership total stood at 9,450 at the end of May.

Safety

Steve L. thanked Todd for the safety posts on social media and offered to assist with providing content. Todd said that he would contact Steve for ideas for safety notes in *Sport Rocketry* and more specific safety guidance on social media.

Treasurer's Report

The NAR had \$128,536.53 cash available as of close of business on June 7.

Kevin said that we still need to close the final Americhoice accounts.

National Events

NARAM-64 – We have received no recent update from the Contest Director. Todd said that he will update the attendee list.

Ed LaCroix has lined up a Contest Director and site for NARAM-65.

WSMC – Steve K. said that teams from 17 countries will be attending the World Spacemodeling Championships.

Sections

Don said that we have sent out 33 Section grants totaling \$7,625. He noted that NAR has provided seven more grants than we did in 2022.

Judging will begin shortly for Website Excellence Awards. Chuck Neff has been recruiting judges.

Education

Becky is working with high school teams in the Bay area. The first all-girls Scouts BSA team in the area will be flying at Black Rock next weekend.

John has heard from Vince Huegele, Education Committee chair. He plans to step down at end of the summer Board meeting, which will be his 20th anniversary in the position. Vince has recruited Robyn Jackson as his replacement.

Steve L. moved to ratify the appointment of Robyn Jackson as Education Committee chair. Lynn seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

John asked Jim about an appropriate award for Vince. Jim and John will discuss the topic before the next conference call.

Estes donated the proceeds from the tours they gave during NSL to the NAR education funds.

High Power

We are still discussing modifications to the certification process (a Level 1 written exam, etc.) with TRA.

Miscellaneous

Mark noted that 133 members had voted online in the trustee election as of the beginning of the conference call. Some ineligible ballots have been invalidated (Junior members voting, expired members voting, etc.). Election results will be announced during the online Town Hall on August 9th.

Don asked whether we intended to have a planning session in July. John replied that the nominal date for the meeting would be during WSMC, during which several trustees would be unavailable.

Jim discussed awards, including commemorating the late George Gassaway at events. George will be recognized with the first Carlisle Award.

The next meeting will take place on August 9th at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, as part of the NAR Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.