

NAR Trustee Working Session

November 1, 2023

Session started at 8:05 PM.

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

Absent: Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Jasper Barnett.

Others present: None.

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

President's Notes

John said that NSL East is coming together. We are working to arrange for an American Sign Language interpreter to assist a deaf member who will be attending. Steve said that his daughter Hayden could help us locate an interpreter if necessary. We are not legally obligated to provide an interpreter under the Americans with Disabilities Act, but the Board members all agreed that it would be the right thing to do.

NAR HQ Move

John reported that the office move from Iowa to Virginia is coming along smoothly. Marie Stumpe is now a part-time hourly employee, Mayra Marquez has taken over as the office manager, and the turnover from Marie to Mayra is going well. Monica Rooker is now a full-time employee, handling the high-power certification tasks that Mayra used to perform. A post office box has been set up in Virginia, and mail is being forwarded from the PO box in Iowa. Virginia tax and incorporation paperwork is being completed.

Corporate Membership

Don, Lynn, and Mark drafted the following policy for consideration by the Board:

Corporate membership

Per Article III, Section 10 of the NAR Bylaws, each Manufacturer Member and each Corporate Supporting Member shall be entitled to one vote on all matters related to the business of the NAR. The Member shall designate a representative to cast a ballot on behalf of the Manufacturer/Corporate Supporting Member and provide their contact information

to the NAR Secretary. This representative shall also be granted access to the Members Only section of the NAR website on behalf of the Manufacturer/Corporate Supporting Member.

Manufacturer and Corporate Supporting Memberships carry the following privileges and limitations:

- They shall receive one subscription to *Sport Rocketry*, which will be mailed to the organization's address in the NAR database.
- They shall not be covered by the NAR's liability insurance policy, although any individual NAR member employed by the Manufacturer/Corporate Supporting Member shall continue to be covered through their personal membership.
- They shall not be counted among the NAR members listed when chartering or renewing a Section.

Mark moved to adopt the corporate membership policy as drafted. Jim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed appropriate dues for corporate members. Mark suggested \$250 per year, and Jim countered with \$1000 per year.

Jim moved that Corporate Member dues be set at \$1000 per year. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Steve moved that Corporate Member dues be set at \$500 per year. Lynn seconded. There was some discussion as to whether this might be too expensive for small manufacturers. Lynn pointed out that most small manufacturers are already NAR members as individuals. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Junior Internats Team

Steve reported that we currently have all the recruits that we can support, and that we could use more mentors. Some manufacturers, such as ASP, are helping by selling suitable parts for Internats-style rockets. Steve said that all of the current "real-space" activity has caused a resurgence of interest in hobby rocketry reminiscent of the 1960s.

Section Activities

Don reported that the membership year is shifting to a calendar year basis, but insurance coverage will still run from April through March.

Treasurer's Report

John provided the treasurer's report in Kevin's absence. He said that we retained \$4,000 of unspent World Spacemodeling Championships money in the General Fund and moved the remaining \$44,000 to the investment account. Mark Bundick and James Duffy will present the Board with a plan for using that \$44,000.

Kevin is sweeping the Chase account to make room for the main NAR account. John thought well of Chase's customer service with regard to the WSMC, and Chase can set us up to scan checks for deposit and improve our credit card processing. USBank, our current primary bank, is not available in Virginia, so

there is no point in maintaining any accounts with them now that HQ is moving to Virginia. Kevin and John see the move as an opportunity to revamp our banking processes in general.

The next planning session will take place on December 6 at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM.