

## NAR Trustee Working Session

October 2, 2024

Session started at 8:02 PM.

Present: John Hochheimer, President; Steve Kristal, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Kevin Johnson, Treasurer; Don Carson; Jasper Barnett; Becky Green; Emi Sears; Lynn Thomas; Andrew Bean.

Absent: Jim Wilkerson.

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

### **President's Notes**

The conversion to the new member management system is continuing. John and Todd believe that the project is on track. The current NEON database and the NAR website will be shut down December 9-16 to complete the conversion. Our goal is for the new system to become operational on December 16. We intend to discontinue the existing redundant systems (to include Constant Contact, groups.io, and Survey Monkey) during the first quarter of 2025, which will result in cost savings.

John is working with Anne Heacock, our accountant, to finish the 2023 IRS Form 990. John cleaned up some language this week, and he said that everything now looks good. He noted that 2023 showed a big increase in revenue due to the U.S. hosting the World Spacemodeling Championships, but there were no surprises.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Kevin reported that the NAR has \$19,152.22 in the Chase general account and \$8,553.61 in the committee checking account.

NAR currently has \$194,622.45 in endowments and \$32,643.50 cash on hand.

### **Approval of Past Minutes**

**Lynn moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 online membership meeting. Steve seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Section Activities**

Don reported a few items from Section Activities Chair Chuck Neff. NAR currently has 252 active Sections, which Chuck believes is an all-time high. We are also close to our first four-digit section number

(currently at Section 982, the New Mexico State University Atomic Aggies). Twenty-two new Sections have been chartered in 2024.

Chuck continues to receive questions regarding the use of NAR's 501(c)(3) non-profit status by individual Sections. John said that there was no progress during the month and added that implementation will be difficult (it might involve collecting financial data from every Section).

Chuck is interested in setting up a vendor discount program for Sections and has made a list of possible vendors to contact. Todd pointed out that the previous vendor discount program died out when most vendors moved their ordering online rather than by mail. (The vendors lost interest in printing coupons.) The sense of the Board is that Chuck is welcome to try. Todd suggested that Chuck contact him for a list of vendors who advertise in *Sport Rocketry*.

### **Miscellaneous**

Becky reported that teams from Japan, Peru, and Costa Rica participated in ARLISS. The event was generally successful, with 40 flights powered by M motors and 2 powered by K motors. She added that she is aware of a potential American Rocketry Challenge (ARC) team from Mexico, and that the Mexican rocketeers may also be interested in FAI competition.

Kevin said that he needs to send checks to some authors of *Sport Rocketry* articles. He is working on some open items regarding reconciliation of NARAM income and expenses.

John mentioned that *Sport Rocketry* editor Tom Beach would like to know whether he should treat the Internats flyoffs and World Spacemodeling Championships as equivalent to the existing national events (NARAM, NSL, ARC) so that they receive the same priority for coverage as the existing national events.

### **Officer Appointments**

**Don moved to continue the existing slate of officers: John Hochheimer, President; Steve Kristal, Vice President; Mark Wise, Secretary; Kevin Johnson, Treasurer. Lynn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Board moved into executive session at 9:04. Topics discussed included a preliminary discussion of a merchandising proposal from Estes, a discussion of membership dues, employee benefits, and national events. The Board returned from executive session at 10:03.

The next conference call will be on November 6, 2024 at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.