

COMARA Board Meeting Minutes
November17, 2020

Attendees (held virtually, via Zoom):

Maury Mechanick	Ron Johnson
Denis Curtin	David Lee
Dan DiFonzo	Richard Rankin
Ron Garlow	Geza Serenyi
Fred Kelly	

Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

Following adoption of the agenda, the Board approved the Minutes for the September 15, 2020 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from September 16, 2020, through November 17, 2020. Expenses for calendar year 2020 through September 15, 2020, came to \$5068, consisting of Webmaster Honorarium (1 quarter - \$625); PO Box Rental of \$268; liability insurance of \$425 and expenses related to new website (hosting; web site development) of \$3750. Consistent with the pattern over the past several years, incoming dues payments at this time are relatively low (23 members/\$655). As a result of the current economic downturn and a withdrawal to cover website expenses, the value of the COMARA Fidelity account has dropped to from \$47,023 as of the end of 2019 to \$38,594 representing a 19% drop in value, but with the value of the account still reflecting a healthy 53% increase in value since the account was established in 2014.

LMCO Benefits

COMARA will continue to liaise with Intelsat Retiree and Alumni Association (IRAA) to assist as may be desired in connection with the impact on IRAA retirees of the Intelsat bankruptcy filing.

Newsletter, Web Hosting, etc.

The new website is up and functional and COMARA has moved forward with arrangements to use Constant Contact as our means for email communications with members. The transition of responsibilities for these activities is ongoing.

2020 Social Events/Board of Directors

The Board confirmed the schedule for the Annual Meeting for October 4, 2020, which will be conducted virtually using Zoom and which should allow for the first time for remote participation at the meeting. Maury Mechanick will take the lead in developing programming for the virtual meeting, which will include reporting on the Board of Directors election, a financial review and a review of COMARA activities over the past year, and a brief presentation focusing the world of satellites after COMSAT, which will review major industry developments and trends over the past twenty years. An opportunity for feedback and comments from COMARA members will also be provided. A ballot has been developed on the Constant Contact platform and will be sent to all members regarding the election.

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The next Board meeting will take on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, at 11:30 am, as a virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned about 12:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Maury Mechanick