

COMARA Board Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2021

Attendees (held virtually, via Zoom):

Maury Mechanick	Ron Garlow
Kim Baumgartner	Ron Johnson
Denis Curtin	Richard Rankin
Dan DiFonzo	Geza Serenyi

Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

Following adoption of the agenda, the Board approved the Minutes for the November 17, 2020 meeting.

Confirmation of Appointment of New Director (Kim Baumgartner) and Designation of Bob Kinzie as Director Emeritus

The Board confirmed the appointment of and expressed an appreciative welcome to Kim Baumgartner as a newly appointed Director and confirmed the designation of Bob Kinzie as Director Emeritus, with a strong expression of appreciation for his many contributions over the past 20 years as a founding member of COMARA.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from November 17, 2020, through February 16, 2021, including a year-end report for calendar year 2020 and proposed budget for calendar year 2021. Expenses for calendar year 2020 came to \$5636, representing a slight variance over budget for the year of \$211. Total income for the year (including a planned draw down from the Fidelity account of \$3912) came to \$7,497, a surplus over expected income of \$585. Consistent with the pattern over the past several years, substantial dues payments were received prior to the end of the year, representing an increase of 100 additional payments received by year-end compared to the number of payments through November 17, 2020 (123 members/\$3585 versus 23 members/\$655). The value of the COMARA Fidelity account had rebounded from \$38,594 on November 17, 2020, to \$45,609 by February 16, 2021. The Board

approved the proposed budget for 2021, with projected expenses of \$2500 and anticipated revenues of \$2550 (assuming dues payments from 120 members in 2021). No actual expenses or income had been reported as of February 16, 2021.

The Treasurer also confirmed that the COMARA 2020 tax return had been filed.

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. Input from Board Members to the new website was strongly encouraged.

Social Activities for 2021

While it was hoped that an in-person annual meeting could be conducted in 2021, it remained uncertain if this would be possible. At a minimum, COMARA would have a virtual annual meeting, and if an in-person annual meeting is possible, then having both the in person and virtual meetings take place, albeit as separate meetings, was viewed as highly desirable, in light of the positive feedback regarding the virtual meeting held in 2020. Ongoing coordination with IRAA will also take place with regard to any joint activities (i.e., picnic or other social events) to the extent it will be possible to hold such events at some point in 2021.

Satellite Gallery at the National Electronics Museum Project

The National Electronics Museum remains closed to in-person visits and that will likely continue through at least the first half of 2021.

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The next Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 11:30 am, as a virtual meeting.

The meeting adjourned about 12:30 pm.

Submitted by:

Maury Mechanick