

COMARA Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2021

Attendees (held virtually, via Zoom):

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

Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

Following adoption of the agenda, the Board approved the Minutes for the February 16, 2021 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from February 16, 2021, through May 17, 2021, Expenses for 2021 to date have come to \$1220, representing a slight variance over budget for the year of \$211. Total income for the year to date has come to \$1,045, representing dues payments for 39 members. The number of members having already made dues payments for the year is somewhat higher than in recent years, which the Treasurer attributed to improved communication with members including with regard to the recent updates provided on the website regarding retiree benefits. The value of the COMARA Fidelity account had grown from \$45,609 as of February 16, 2021 to \$52,124 as of May 17, 2021. The Treasurer was authorized to pay the annual third party liability insurance coverage for COMARA from Hartford, which will be due next month.

LMCO Benefits

The COMARA website section on retiree benefits has been updated to reflect current information as of 2021 with regard to retiree health care benefits and retiree life insurance coverage.

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 proceeding, which is still ongoing.

Newsletter, Web Hosting, etc.

The new website has now been up and functional for approximately a year. The Board was requested to look for additional photos that could be used as part of the website photo display, either in addition to or in lieu of current photos that are being used. Input from Board Members to the new website was strongly encouraged.

Social Activities for 2021

As restrictions in Montgomery County related to indoor and outdoor events are in the process of being limited, COMARA will again be sponsoring with IRAA a joint picnic at Seneca Creek State Park on August 22, 2021. The Board also unanimously decided to plan for an in person annual meeting, to be held at That’s Amore (D. Curtin to confirm arrangement) on Sunday, September 19, 2021. Also given the positive feedback received last year from the virtual annual meeting that had been held, COMARA will have a virtual annual meeting as well, which has been scheduled for the following Sunday, September 26, 2021. While firm decisions were made in this regard, it was recognized that any changed circumstances with regard to pandemic-related restrictions on group activities could affect the timing of or the decision to proceed with in-person events.

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 on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 11:30 am As to whether this will be an in-person or virtual meeting, that will be determined later.

The meeting adjourned about 12:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Maury Mechanick