

**COMARA Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 27, 2021**

**Attendees (held virtually, via Zoom):**

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

**Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes**

Following adoption of the agenda, the Board approved the Minutes for the May 18, 2021 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from May 18, 2021, through July 27, 2021, Expenses for 2021 to date have come to \$2058, representing a slight variance over budget for the year of \$58. Expenses incurred since the last meeting include liability insurance (\$435), domain name registration fee (\$125), and web hosting company fee (\$288). Total income for the year to date has come to \$1,075, representing dues payments for 40 members. The value of the COMARA Fidelity account had shrunk slightly from \$52,124 as of February 16, 2021, to \$51,165 as of July 27, 2021.

**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 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. Based on feedback from members, efforts will be undertaken to expand or give greater visibility to the Members Stories portion of the website, to allow members to provide updates regarding themselves after COMSAT or to share reminiscences of their experiences while working at COMSAT.

### **Social Activities for 2021**

Plans for the joint IRAA/COMARA picnic, to be held at Seneca Creek State Park on August 22, 2021, continue to go forward. Similarly, plans for an in person annual meeting, to be held at That's Amore on Sunday, September 19, 2021 also continue to go forward. *(Secretary's note: Due to ongoing complexities associated with the pandemic, the decision was reached in early September to cancel the in-person meeting).* 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.

### **Satellite Gallery at the National Electronics Museum Project**

The Board was informed about the financial and sponsorship difficulties now facing the National Electronics Museum, which will require relocation or closing of the Museum sometime in 2023. Efforts are underfoot to find an alternative venue for at least the Satellite Gallery and hopefully the Museum in its entirety. Denis Curtin and Maury Mechanick, along with Joe Pelton, are actively involved in those efforts and will provide updates to the Board as developments unfold.

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**The next Board meeting will take on Tuesday, November 30, 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 12:20 pm.

Submitted by:

Maury Mechanick

*(Secretary's Note: Following the Board Meeting, the Board by correspondence ratified the slate of directors up for re-election for a three-year term, specifically Maury Mechanick, Richard Rankin and David Lee, and authorized use of the on line election voting process utilized in 2020)*