

COMARA Board Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2022

Attendees (held virtually, via Zoom):

Maury Mechanick	David Lee
Kim Baumgartner	Geza Serenyi
Denis Curtin	
Dan DiFonzo	

Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

Following adoption of the agenda, the Board approved the Minutes for the March 15, 2022 meeting.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Update

The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from March 15, 2022, through June 14, 2022. Expenses for 2022 through June 14, 2022, came to \$1,302 (including annual P.O. Box rental; website hosting fee; other web expenses; and liability insurance) and income came to \$495, reflecting dues payments for 16 members. The value of the COMARA Fidelity account as of June 14, 2022, was \$49,888 and total assets were \$58,594, including bank balance, Paypal balance and the Fidelity account.

LMCO Benefits

No issues regarding LMCO benefits were noted.

Newsletter, Web Hosting, etc.

The new website has now been up and functional for more than a year. Input from Board Members to the new website continues to be strongly encouraged. The recent email from K. Baumgartner highlighting a number of recent developments was viewed by a significant portion of the membership and prompted a number of visits to the website as well as additional dues payments from members. Similar emails need to be sent on a more regular basis.

Social Activities for 2021/2022

The annual IRAA/COMARA picnic took place on May 22, 2022. The date for the COMARA Annual Meeting was set for September 11, 2022, at That's Amore restaurant; Denis Curtin to take the lead in confirming details with the restaurant. The virtual annual meeting will take place three weeks later on October 2, 2022.

Election of Board Members for 2022/2024 Term

The three Board members whose current term expires this year are Geza Serenyi, Fred Kelly and Ron Johnson. Geza Serenyi has indicated his availability to serve for another three year term, while both Fred Kelly and Ron Johnson have indicated a desire not to stand for re-election at this time. In preparing the Board's slate for the upcoming election, the Board will solicit other potential candidates for the remaining two slots on the Board of Directors.

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 place virtually on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 at 11:30 am.

The meeting adjourned about 12:20 pm.

Submitted by:

Maury Mechanick