

COMARA Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2023

Attendees (held virtually, via Zoom):

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

Adoption of Agenda/Approval of Minutes

Following adoption of the agenda, the Board approved the Minutes for the February 28, 2023 meeting. The victory of the Denver Nuggets, formerly owned by COMSAT, was also acknowledged.

Treasurer's Report and Membership Update

The Treasurer's Report covered the time period from February 28, 2023 through June 13, 2023. Expenses for 2023 year to date came to \$1914 (website hosting company fee; P.O. Box rental; liability insurance; and Word Press/Constant Contact fee) and income came to \$210, reflecting dues payments for 7 members. The value of the COMARA Fidelity account was \$53,538 and total assets were \$62,207, including bank balance, Paypal balance and the Fidelity account. Various web hosting services and liability insurance from Hartford were noted as having been paid.

Maury Mechanick reported no luck in efforts to reach out to Lockheed Martin to see if there would be any means for basic information about COMARA to be included in some fashion with any Lockheed Martin communications otherwise sent to COMSAT retirees.

LMCO Benefits

No issues regarding LMCO benefits were noted.

Newsletter, Web Hosting, etc.

Input from Board Members to the new website continues to be strongly encouraged. Kim Baumgartner's suggestion to provide industry updates was agreed to. The You Tube Link to the video on the launch of early Bird 1 will be added to the website.

Social Activities for 2023/Annual Meeting

The IRAA and COMARA picnic took place on May 21, 2023 at Seneca Creek Park. The event was attended by over 40 individuals, including seven COMARA registered attendees. The Board agreed to having the in-person annual meeting be hosted at Maury Mechanick's residence on September 23, 2023. The virtual annual meeting will then take place on September 30, 2023 (note: original proposed date was October 1 but moved to September 30 for convenience reasons), and both an in-person and virtual annual meeting are slated for the fall of 2023. The final social event of the year will again be the First Wednesday in December event.

The three Board members whose term ends this year are Kim Baumgartner, Dan DiFonzo and Denis Curtin, all of whom have agreed to run for new three-year terms and will represent the Board's slate of candidates for the election. The election will be conducted on line using the same process as employed last year.

Satellite Gallery at the National Electronics Museum Project

The transfer of the NEM Museum to the Hunt Valley location has been completed, although some ongoing difficulties with relocation of elements of the Satellite Gallery are still being addressed.

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The next Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:30 am.

The meeting adjourned about 12:31 pm.

Submitted by: Maury Mechanick