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NASA Alumni League  
Florida Chapter

# Annual Report 2017–2018

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The NASA Alumni League (NALFL) is a  
501(c)3 Organization founded in 1986

**1. OVERVIEW:**

During 2017 and 2018, the NASA Alumni League Florida Chapter (NALFL) actively worked to improve the NALFL organization through people and partnerships, finance and governance, programs and events, education and outreach, and products and publications. Accomplishments included improvements in membership opportunities and benefits, and agreements with local organizations. Electronic records became a reality for the NALFL and support for the reorganization of the national NAL organization was accomplished. NALFL members supported local events, and organized luncheon meetings for members. Education and outreach enabled a new project to grow and, finally, products and publications included a new copyright and NALFL banner.

**2. PEOPLE AND PARTNERSHIPS:**

People are the core of the NALFL and its ability to accomplish good things. The NALFL membership continues to be strong, and work continues to increase membership through better communication and new opportunities for potential members. This year, the NALFL continued to work with the Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Human Resources Office (BA) to receive listings of recent retirees, and updated NALFL informational material is included in KSC retirement packages. In addition, the Board of Directors implemented a short-term trial membership option. The trial membership option will allow retirees to experience the NALFL before they commit to a membership of a year or longer. We believe that these actions will serve to increase membership and strengthen participation. As of September 17, 2018 the 2018-2019 membership totals are shown in Table-1, below.

Table-1		
2017-2018 NALFL Membership Summary		
MEMBER	2017	2018
Annual Member	59	62
Annual Member + Contribution	21	22
Annual Supporting Member	9	10
Annual Supporting Member + Contribution	0	1
Life Time Member	19	20
Total Members:	108	115

Partnerships with local and national organizations were established or renewed during this past year. This includes letters of agreement (LOA) with the Delaware North Corporation (DNC) and the US Space Walk of Fame Foundation (SWOFF) and American Space Museum (ASM), and a Letter of Understanding (LOU) with the Eastern Florida State College (EFSC).

The LOA signed with the DNC provides facilities and support services for NALFL luncheons. Under that agreement, the DNC will host all NALFL luncheons at the KSC Visitor Information Center (VIC) through December, 2018.

The LOA signed with the SWOFF and ASM includes educational initiatives supporting space-related research and education activities along with fall and spring meetings to discuss visions, plans and opportunities. The agreement also includes passes to the ASM for NALFL members and guests participating in the meetings.

The LOU signed with the EFSC establishes an educational relationship between the NALFL and EFSC, and includes NALFL participation in EFSC technical advisory committees. It also includes access to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) educational activities, promotional materials and networking opportunities, and other resources.

**3. FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE:**

The financial position of the NALFL continues to be strong. The summary of the treasurer's report for the month of August, 2018, is shown in Table-2, below.

<b>TABLE-2</b>	
<b>NALFL Treasurer's Report Summary</b>	
<b>2018</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>
BEGINNING POSITION:	\$26,130.98
TOTAL INCOME:	\$1,450.81
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$505.64
INCOME - EXPENSE:	\$945.17
ENDING POSITION	\$27,076.15
TOTAL ASSETS:	\$27,075.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES:	\$1,703.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS:	\$25,373.15

The NALFL now has an electronic records system to store and maintain official records subject to audit, as well as other resources. This new system, based upon the Google G-Suite, is now being used to store NALFL records such as Treasurer's reports, meeting agendas, meeting minutes, letters of agreement and letters of understanding, as well as other material. While permissions to write records to the G-Suite are limited to persons responsible for the content of those records, to assure data integrity and security, the Board of Directors and the membership have access to view the records. We are grateful to Al Koller and Mike Haddad for their hard work to make this happen.

Changes are being made within the NALFL Board of Directors and the Board Support Team. The leadership teams for the 2017 - 2020 and 2018 - 2021 years are shown in tables 4 and 5, respectively, on page 6.

NALFL members participated in the reorganization of the national NAL organization. The national organization was reorganized and incorporated in Texas. New by-laws were approved and new leadership is now in place.

**4. PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:**

As part of the overall effort to improve membership, NALFL members participated in the 2017 Kennedy Space Center (KSC) Christmas Coffee events to distribute NALFL informational materials and encourage new retirees to join the NALFL.

NALFL members attended the annual KSC Center Directors Update.

Once again our Program Chairperson, Russell Romanella, and our Registrations Chairperson, Bev Merrilees, did an outstanding job to organize and execute the NALFL luncheon events. A listing of the 2017 - 2018 year luncheon events is shown in Table 3 below.

<b>Table 3 NALFL Programs for 2017 - 2018</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
09/19/2017	Radisson at the Port	Bob Cabana, KSC Center Director
10/17/2017	KSC Debus Center	Dr. Youngquist, KSC Applied Physics Lab
11/21/2017	Radisson at the Port	Billy Stover, Deputy Chief Safety Officer, KSC CCP
12/19/2017	KSC Debus Center	Holiday Party, Sam Haddad
01/16/2018	KSC Debus Center	Dale Ketcham, Space Florida/Cape Canaveral Spaceport
02/20/2018	KSC Debus Center	Clara Wright, KSC M&P
03/20/2018	KSC Debus Center	Mike Leinbach, Former Space Shuttle Launch Director
04/17/2018	KSC Debus Center	Russ DeLoach, KSC S&MA Director
05/15/2018	KSC Debus Center	Dennis Jenkins, Former Orbiter Endeavour Project Mgr.
06/19/2018	KSC Debus Center	Therrin Protze, COO Delaware North KSC
09/18/2018	KSC Debus Center	Rita Wilcoxon & Quintcey Parrish, LSC Project

**5. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH:**

Education and outreach efforts continued to be strong.

The NALFL approved the Launch STEM Careers as a project, an initiative that began in 2014 by Roselle Hanson, Maria Lopez-Tellado, and other retired NASA colleagues. The objectives of the LSC project are to provide hands-on STEM activities in the classroom that simulate real life science and engineering projects for girls in grades 4–8, train high school and college female students to serve as mentors to the younger girls, mentor high school girls and offer assistance with college applications and entrance essays, mentor college girls by providing career services such as resume assistance and mock interviews, and host Women in STEM networking events. A \$3000 donation from the Balda Foundation, along with \$2500 the NALFL Board of Directors voted to donate will help fund the project. The Florida Institute of Technology (FIT) approved a new Launch STEM Careers club this year for female students in STEM fields, and this group of young women lead the LSC effort at an elementary school near campus. The project ended the 2017-2018 year with six schools participating, having started at 2

schools in 2014. In the 2018-2019 school year, the LSC project will be actively participating at 11 schools, with girls from 4 high schools being trained to mentor elementary and junior high school students. Thales Corporation leads the LSC effort at one elementary school and discussions with local aerospace and technology companies offer hope that one or more might agree to work with at least one school in North Brevard County during the coming school year.

The NALFL Board of Directors approved a scholarship contribution of \$1001 dollars to be made to the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) organization and NALFL members supported the FIRST Robotics Competition event. The NALFL Board of Directors also approved a Scholarship contribution of \$1000 to be made to the Pink Team.

## **6. PRODUCTS AND PUBLICATIONS:**

The NALFL now has a new banner to display at events, and our NALFL logo is now copyright protected. Images of both the banner and the logo are shown on the cover/title page of this report. We are grateful to Al Koller for all his hard work to make these accomplishments happen. Al is also our webmaster and author of the NALFL website and Facebook information, which we greatly appreciate.

The NALFL Web Site continues to provide information about upcoming events and links to other products such as NASA information and materials, project information, member information and more. The web site is located at <http://www.nalfl.com>.

The NALFL Facebook page continues to provide current information about the NALFL Chapter. See <http://www.facebook.com/nalfl>.

Newsletters notices and reports were provided at no charge to members.

NALFL Member badges and a member directory were provided for current NALFL members. The new badges are formatted to be permanent and not require annual replacement.

This NALFL Annual Report has been provided to update the membership about the status of the NALFL and its accomplishments.

<b>Table 4</b>				
<b>NAL Florida Leadership Team for 2017-2018</b>				
Officers for 2017-2018	2017-2018 Support Team	Board Members 2018 Term	Board Members 2019 Term	Board Members 2020 Term
President: Roselle Hanson	Arrangements/Setup: Mike Haddad Contracts/Agreements: Al Koller Education/Scholarships: Maria Tellado Historian: Tom Curry	Al Koller	Catherine Alexander	Bob Sieck
Vice President: Wayne Owens	MC and Audio Visual: Sam Haddad Membership: David Schechter and Suzanne Jamieson NASA Liaison: Roselle Hanson	Frank Bryan	Steve Francois	Bob Raymond
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Secretary: Bob Raymond	Photo ID Project: Frank Bryan Program Chair: Russell Romanella Publicity: Bill Riddle	Wayne Owens	Marilynn Nelson	Maria Lopez-Tellado
Past President: Al Koller	Registration: Bev Merrilees and Team Sunshine/Sympathy: Ann Bolton Webmaster: Al Koller	Russell Romanella	Lamar Russell	Don Doerr

<b>Table 5</b>				
<b>Incoming NAL Florida Leadership Team for 2018-2019</b>				
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