

**Minutes of the 2021 AMSAT Board of Directors Teleconference  
Held via GoToMeeting – December 7, 2021**

1. Pursuant to due notice, the Board of Directors of the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT) convened via GoToMeeting at 7:02pm Central Standard Time with President Robert Bankston, KE4AL, in the chair and the following Directors present:

Mr. Robert Bankston, KE4AL, President  
Mr. Jerry Buxton, NOJY, Vice President – Engineering  
Dr. Mark Hammond, N8MH  
Mr. Paul Stoetzer, N8HM, Executive Vice President

The following officers and guests were also present:

Mr. Steve Belter, N9IP, Treasurer  
Mr. Jonathan Brandenburg, KF5IDY  
Mr. Drew Glasbrenner, KO4MA, Vice President – Operations  
Dr. Alan Johnston, Vice President – Educational Relations  
Mr. Frank Karnauskas, N1UW, Vice-President – Development

The following Directors were absent at the beginning of the meeting:

Mr. Joseph Armbruster, KJ4JIO  
Mr. Zach Metzinger, N0ZGO  
Mr. Bruce Paige, KK5DO

2. The agenda as amended was approved by unanimous consent.

3. Mr. Belter provided the report of the Treasurer. He reported that AMSAT currently has over \$200,000 in the checking account and that the organization is doing well financially.

4. Mr. Bankston provided an update on current activities. He noted that Mr. Karnauskas will present to the Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) later in the week regarding a grant request for the Youth Initiative. He also noted that grant requests for the FM satellite proposal and GOLF were submitted to ARDC and that we are awaiting word on their decisions.

5. Mr. Bankston continued his update. He reported that the organization was about to receive a significant donation from a trust and that a few other significant donations had been received over the past few weeks. He noted that AMSAT's checking account had been growing and that he would be developing a policy along with Mr. Belter to determine when to transfer funds to our Merrill Lynch investment account.

6. At 7:13pm, Mr. Bruce Paige, KK5DO, joined the meeting.

7. Mr. Bankston updated the schedule of major events for 2022, including Hamcation, Hamvention, and the AMSAT Symposium.

8. Mr. Buxton introduced Mr. Jonathan Brandenburg, KF5IDY, to give a presentation on a proposed satellite project, tentatively titled "Fox Plus," to refresh AMSAT's LEO FM satellite fleet, engage new volunteers, and potentially develop and test new technologies. Mr. Brandenburg stated that the project would endeavor to use open-source principles as much as possible, and steer clear of ITAR/EAR. He listed the next steps to follow.

9. Mr. Buxton informed the Board that he would appoint Mr. Brandenburg as an Assistant Vice President – Engineering for this project. After discussion, the consensus was that the project was worth pursuing. No further Board action was deemed necessary at this time to move forward with the project.

10. Mr. Bankston presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget. He noted that the budget as proposed shows a deficit due mainly to high expected spending on GOLF. He reminded the Board that the organization has built a large reserve over the past year. Discussion regarding the budget ensued.

**11. Mr. Paige moved that the Fiscal Year 2022 budget be approved as presented. Dr. Hammond seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

12. At 8:01pm, Mr. Zach Metzinger, N0ZGO, joined the meeting.

13. A discussion was held regarding potential HEO/GEO payload opportunities and strategies for obtaining rideshare payload opportunities to GEO. It was suggested that AMSAT develop a list of contacts to approach about "planting seeds" for potential rides.

14. Mr. Bankston reminded Board members that the deadline for submissions for the next issue of *The AMSAT Journal* is December 20<sup>th</sup>.

**12. There being no further business, upon the motion of Mr. Paige, seconded by Dr. Hammond, the meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Paul Stoetzer

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Executive Vice President