

MINUTES OF THE  
NEVADA INSTITUTE OF AUTONOMOUS SYSTEMS

BOARD MEETING

October 29, 2014

The meeting of the Nevada Institute of Autonomous Systems was called to order by Chairman John White at 1:05 p.m. at the Office of the Desert Research Institute, 755 E. Flamingo Rd., Room SNSC 182, Las Vegas, NV 89119 and the Desert Research Institute, 2215 Raggio Parkway, Room Stout B., Reno, NV 89512.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establish Quorum

A quorum was established.

Board Members Present:

John White, Chairman  
MG (R) Billy G. McCoy  
Dr. Stephen Wells  
Scott Bensing

Board Members Absent:

James Barrett, Jr.  
Greg Mosier

Staff Members Present:

Steve Hill, Executive Director, GOED  
Vera Adams, Executive Assistant, GOED  
Thomas Wilczek, Defense & Aerospace Industry Specialist, GOED  
Richard Jost, NIAS Counsel, Fennemore Craig Jones Vargas  
Shante Willis, GOED

Guests Present:

Kerry Ahearn, Boulder City Airport  
Mike Majewski, Boulder City Economic Development  
Mike Maier, Consultant  
Chris Tunley, Bowhead  
Don Cunningham, Bowhead  
Steve Curtis, DRI

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Chairman White's Comments

Chairman White welcomed Warren Rapp and Michael Mohar as the NIAS representatives for the Knowledge Fund UAV sub-committee.

4. Approval of the August 28, 2014, September 15, 2014 and September 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the August 28, 2014, September 15, 2014 and September 18, 2014 Board Meeting Minutes by Billy McCoy. Mr. Bensing seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion and Possible Recommendation for NIAS Executive Director Job Posting

Chairman White announced the NIAS Executive Director Job Posting will be ready to post at UNLV next week. The position will be an employee of the Nevada System of Higher Education. The hiring committee is comprised of Mr. James Barrett, Dr. Wells and Mr. Mridul Gautam. The goal is to have a candidate approved prior to the December NIAS meeting in order for the appointment to be an agenda item. This will allow for a January 1, 2015 start date. Mr. Richard Jost reiterated UNLV is to be reimbursed by NIAS for 100% of the Executive Director's expense.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation on Teaming Agreement

Mr. Richard Jost announced he has the contract prepared with the recommended changes and it is ready for signature by both the Chairman and the PMO.

7. Financial Reports – September

Mr. Gary Lein reviewed the Financial Statements dated September 30, 2014 and noted there were no major changes other than those previously reported. There were no questions from the Board.

8. Bowhead/NIAS Budgets

Mr. Tom Wilczek reviewed the NIAS and Bowhead Technical Services Budgets dated November 2014 through June 2015. Chris Tunley has reviewed and accepted them with no changes. Mr. Tunley explained the goal will be to reach out to various programs and industries that do not involve air space to generate additional revenues. Mr. Wilczek discussed the fact that all six sites have collective challenges with FAA restraints whereby FAA has no intention of driving any research and development. R & D has to come from private industries. The present budget will allow for Nevada to be in a position to meet FAA. Richard Jost added that the new Executive Director will serve as a bridge between the FAA and NIAS

9. PMO Report

Chris Tunley outlined the Pipeline Report and the Board of Director Report ("BOD Report").

10. The next meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.