

GARA News



From our President, Jim Zgliczynski. Our last GARA Luncheon was the spring luncheon on March 4, 2020 held at the Ballast Point Brewery in Sorrento Valley. Mickey Wade, deputy director of GA Fusion, spoke on "The

Quest for Fusion Energy – Incredible Potential, Extraordinary Challenges". GA Fusion just completed significant upgrades to D-IIID Tokamak, and GA continues to be the leading center of global fusion research. Mickey Wade's Presentation was a great fusion review and it is posted on the GARA website – www.garetirees.org . An interesting note, Dr Wade left GA this spring to take over the position of head of the US Fusion program at ORNL.

As you all know, because of the Covid quarantine/lockdown in San Diego County, GARA has not been able to hold our regular luncheon meetings and we will not be able to do so until the San Diego health authorities allow group meetings. BUT your GARA board of directors has been diligently meeting on Zoom and keeping GARA alive. Because GARA is a CA corporation, we need to hold an annual business meeting to elect the GARA officers for 2021 and approve the GARA 2021 budget. **Because we can't meet as a group, the board decided to hold the annual GARA business meeting on Wednesday, December 9 at 12 noon as a Zoom meeting. Please see Page 2 for details**

IMPORTANT ACTIONS

1. **Membership:** Since GARA has not been able to hold luncheons, the GARA board voted to extend membership through 2021, at no charge, to all members who are current on their \$10 per year dues, as of 12/31/20. So if you bring your current dues up to date thru 2020 you get 2021 free! (NOTE: All dues payments made payable to "GARA" should be mailed to Niles Johanson at 6083 Via Regla, SD 92122.)
2. **Board Elections:** At the end of 2020, several GARA board members will be retiring from the board:

Jim Zgliczynski, I have happily served for 3 years and now is the time transition to past president on the board. I would like to thank all GARA board members and GARA members who made this such a pleasure to serve you.

Vojin Joksimovich, who has done a fantastic job over many years as VP and arranging our great speakers.

Liz Drees, who has contributed immeasurably to the board, especially helping arrange our GARA board meetings at GA Torrey Pines.

I am grateful that many GARA board members agreed to continue to serve on the board, sometimes in a new position, and to welcome Alan Snyder, from GA ASI, who volunteered to be nominated for social chairman and Maria Koploy, who recently retired and volunteered to be nominated as the newsletter editor for 2021.

The nominees for the 2021 GARA officers on the GARA board are shown on the attached official ballot. You can vote either for individual nominees OR mark the box that you approve of all nominees. The ballot also includes a box to approve the proposed 2021 GARA budget.

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You can vote for the GARA Board nominees in one of three easy ways:

1. Mark your ballot and e-mail to our Secretary:

Pat Simmons

psimmons0105@gmail.com

2. Mark your ballot and send by USPS mail to:

Pat Simmons

13054 Old Sycamore Drive

San Diego, CA 92128

3. Mark your ballot and attend the GARA annual business meeting to be held on-line and voice vote. The meeting will be held on

December 9, 2020

12 Noon PST.

The meeting will be held on the Zoom platform.

Please register using this URL (copy and paste in your browser if necessary):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUlfuCorzsrHtffD3DoeHrKX9AuWxdVuRrH>

Once you register with your name and e-mail address, you will receive an acknowledgement e-mail with the link to sign in on December 9, or for those members wanting to participate by audio only, a call-in telephone number. If you are having trouble registering, you may also contact **Junaid Razvi** to directly receive an invite for the on-line meeting.

4. The GARA Annual Financial Report for the period September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2020 prepared by our Treasurer, Niles Johanson, is attached for your review. Also attached is the proposed GARA budget for 2021. **Please vote to approve the GARA 2021 budget by checking the box on the attached ballot form.**

Attachments:

- A. Ballot for Voting for 2021 GARA Board Nominees and for approving 2021 GARA budget.

- B. GARA September 30, 2019 to September 30, 2021 Treasurer's report.

- C. Proposed GARA 2021 Budget (Please review and approve on ballot form).

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2021 GARA Board of Directors Ballot

Instructions

1. Vote for individual nominees by putting an X in the box or a write in.
2. OR you can vote to approve ALL nominees by doing so in the first box:
3. Remember to approve the 2021 GARA budget by at the bottom of the BALLOT

Approve all the GARA Board nominees listed below

PRESIDENT

- Nancy Hitchcox
- Write In _____

VICE PRESIDENT

- Junaid Razvi
- Write In _____

SECRETARY

- Pat Simmons
- Write In _____

TREASURER

- Niles Johanson
- Write In _____

SOCIAL CHAIR

- Alan Snyder
- Write In _____

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

- Maria Koploy
- Write In _____

MEMBER AT LARGE (1 of 4)

- Ken Dawson
- Write In _____

MEMBER AT LARGE (2 of 4)

- Carmelo Rodriguez
- Write In _____

MEMBER AT LARGE

- Tom Tasker (3 of 4)
- Write In _____

MEMBER AT LARGE (4 of 4)

- Al Zimmer
- Write In _____

APPROVAL OF GARA 2021 Budget

- YES
- NO

GA Retirees Association

TREASURER 1-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY Period SEPT 30, 2019 to SEPT 30, 2020

B of A CHECKING ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Beginning balance on Sept 30, 2020		\$ 8,868.20
Deposits		\$ 4,050.00
Membership dues received during period::	480.00	
Luncheon payments :(2 quarterly meetings)	3,570.00	
Debits:		\$ 4,093.02
Luncheon payments:	3,351.07	
Reimb's to (McNair, Razvi, Hitchcox, Zgliczynski).	557.55	
Newsletter expense:	112.94	
Wishek Invoice Payment (BofA CheckCard)	45.00	
Ending balance on Sept 30, 2020:		\$ 8,825.18

PROFIT / (LOSS) (since Sept 30, 2019)

Income		
Meeting Income:	\$ 3,570.00	
Membership dues & misc. :	<u>\$ 480.00</u>	
Total Income:	\$ 4,050.00	
Expenses:		
Quarterly Luncheon Meetings:	\$ 3,351.07	
Reimbursements	\$ 557.55	
Newsletter & Other Expenses:	<u>\$ 183.40</u>	
Total Expenses:	\$ 4,093.02.	
Net Income/(Loss):	\$ (43.02)	<u>=====</u>

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR CY 2021

CY 2020 has been an atypical year due to the Coronavirus pandemic. For the purposes of budgeting it is assumed that CY 2021 will return to normal. The Association budget will be based on the following assumptions:

1. Activities will approximate the pre-pandemic period.
2. Four quarterly meetings
3. Expenses estimated on 4 quarters preceding pandemic
4. A 10% adder for (anticipated) higher restaurant expenses

Our pre-pandemic quarterly expenses averaged about \$1,700. Applying the 10% escalator brings quarterly expenses to \$1,870, resulting in an annual budget of \$7,480 which we round up to \$7,500. Naturally, the assumptions underlying this calculation may be off the mark in which case interim adjustments may be necessary.

Proposed GARA annual budget for CY 2021: **\$7,500**.

We expect to be able to maintain the annual dues at \$10 and will aim to keep the average luncheon ticket at \$30 - \$35. Naturally if restaurant costs increase as expected we may have to adjust this upwards for some venues.