

Los Angeles Robotics Annual Board Meeting and Elections

Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 7:00-9:00 PM Pacific

Zoom Meeting [Minutes](#)

Attendees: Tony Young (President), Stephen Stein (Vice President), Terry Wells (Secretary),
LeRoy Nelson (Treasurer), Anita Nelson, Tarek Shraibati, Kearstie Hernandez (LAUSD)

Absent:

Quorum: 4 Directors

Standard agenda items for the annual May Board Meeting and Elections:

- Review and approve minutes of previous meeting
- Review liability insurance coverage
- Review interim financial reports for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30
- Elect directors
- Elect officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Review committees and select committee chairs
- Assign committee members
- Committee reports: Audit, NTG, Website
 - Activities during the last year
 - Plans for the next year
- Program reports: REC Foundation programs
 - Other developments not mentioned previously
- New business
- Schedule next meeting

Meeting convened at: 7:08pm

Review and Approve Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting held on November 11, 2025: Minutes for Board meetings are posted at:

<http://larobotics.org/BoardMeetings.html>

Minutes approved by consensus

New Business: How will the VEX Robotics separation from the REC Foundation affect us?

RECF intends to continue doing what they've been doing. They will run the official game that came out as they have been half of the game design committee. RECF has access to team data. RECF has never sold hardware so the expectation is that teams will continue to buy materials from VEX and other vendors. RECF prefers schools and expects that LAUSD will have a similar experience to prior year. RECF owns robotevents.com. Recommendation to hold off on registering teams until Aug 1. RECF will manage team registrations as needed as special cases arise. Likely that VEX will not be able to accommodate many of the details of managing the event season without starting over (training, background checks, etc). Bottom line is that it appears that LARobotics will have adequate support to proceed with the regular season as operated by RECF. Virtual Skills is owned and operated by VEX and the paid version will not be available via RECF, but the free version is available to anyone.

Review Liability Insurance Coverage. We need General Liability coverage to get Directors & Officers Liability coverage. We added Commercial Auto Liability to General Liability to cover truck rentals. All coverages are included in a Commercial Package Policy. We have not needed to supply an Additional Insured certificate since 2019. The renewal offer was received April 27 for coverage that starts May 31. The premium increased by about 3.3%.

Annual liability insurance premiums:

Coverage	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Commercial General Liability (includes Auto)	\$1,582.00	\$1,890.00	\$1,980.00
Directors & Officers Liability	759.00	\$815.00	\$815.00
Total	\$2,341.00	\$2,705.00	\$2,795.00

The 215-page renewal insurance policy is available here in case anyone would like to review it:

[LARobotics 2026-2027 Commercial Package Policy](#)

Renewal approved by consensus

Review Interim Financial Reports for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

The financial reports for the

- First half of Fiscal Year 2025-26 (07/01/25-12/31/25)
- Partial Fiscal year 2025-26 (07/01/25-04/30/26)

are posted on our website at:

<https://larobotics.org/FinancialReports.html>

The one-page **Financial Report Summary** provides an overview of revenue and expenses for FY2024-25, and the first 10 months of FY2025-26 (from 07-01-25 through 04-30-26).

Each section of the full **Financial Reports** begins with a large program name (**LARobotics, NTG, Other**) at the bottom of the account balances page. The Audit Committee will do a full Audit after the full FY2025-26 Financial Reports are generated in July.

The last **Other** account was closed in July 2025. After the **Other** account no longer appears on the financial reports, I plan to drop NTG from the remaining program account names:

- NTG Admin
- NTG Championships
- NTG Leagues
- NTG Teams

During the 2025-26 season, we

- Received \$75K in donations from the Nelsons.
- Received \$25K from championship registration fees and \$2K from other sources.
- Spent \$84K on team grants and \$7K on league grants.
- Spent \$8K on championship expenses, \$4K on other league expenses, and \$5K on admin expenses.

Our 5-year average public support percentage will decrease from 42.8% in FY2024-25 to about 38.9% in FY2025-26. The minimum for a public charity is 33.3%.

Financial reports reviewed by Tarek and finance committee. FY Audit to be conducted after the fiscal year ends in June. Tarek and Anita are currently on the Audit Committee.

Elect Directors. The two-year terms of the following directors expire after the May elections, so they will need to be re-elected if they wish to continue on the Board:

Director Name	Office	Chair / Program	Committees
Tony Young	President		NTG, Website
Stephen Stein	VP		NTG
Terry Wells	Secretary		
LeRoy Nelson	Treasurer	NTG, Website	NTG, Website

Slate of officers nominated by Anita, seconded by Tarek and re-elected by consensus.

The directors whose terms do not expire in May are:

Director Name	Office	Chair / Program	Committees
Anita Nelson	Director		NTG, Audit
Tarek Shraibiti	Director	Audit, REC Foundation	Audit, NTG

Elect Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

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Review Committees and Select Committee Chairs: Audit, NTG, Website

- Consider terminating the Website Committee
- Motion to eliminate the website committee, LeRoy moved, Anita seconded. Approved by consensus.

Assign Committee Members: Audit, NTG, Website

Anita and Tarek will continue on the Audit committee.

All except Terry are on NTG.

Committee Reports.

- Audit:
 - No activity since November Board meeting.
 - Tarek and Anita plan to review financial records for FY2025-26 in July or August.
- Nelson Team Grants (NTG):
 - In FY2025-26, we
 - Received increased support from Stephen Stein, especially in Region North.
 - Started 24 new schools and 30 additional teams. Restarted 12 dormant schools.
 - Started 2 new leagues and supported 12 returning leagues for 391 teams.
 - Supported 2 LAUSD Conference Championships for 82 teams.
 - Cancelled 1 returning league and needed waivers for 2 leagues with low attendance.
 - Supported Judging for 1 Conference Tournament and 2 So Cal Region Championships.
 - League and Championship expenses and stipends were paid by the District this year
 - In FY2026-27, we plan to
 - Start 10 new schools and 20 additional teams. Restart 10 dormant teams.
 - Start 1 new North league, restart 1 East league, strengthen or replace 1 West league, and support 13 returning leagues for 400 teams.
 - Support 2 LAUSD Championships for 84 teams.

- Draft NTG application is attached for your review.
 - Reduced Additional Team Awards from 1 or 2 per returning school to only 1.
 - New Fully Developed Award to pay team registration fees for up to 2 returning teams per school that submit Fully Developed Engineering Notebooks in September. This addresses two problems:
 - Robotics funding from the District is expected to be severely reduced.
 - Most teams don't properly document use of the Engineering Design Process.
 - **Proposals: LeRoy moves, Steven seconds. Approved by consensus.**
- We do not yet know what will replace the **Conference Model Pilot**.
 - We expect to find out when **Qualifying Criteria for VEX Robotics Competition Events** is released on June 1.
 - This should not affect Leagues, but it could affect Championships.
 - **LeRoy will talk to the regional support manager to see if there is a possibility of including non-LAUSD schools. Tarek indicated there were multiple Conference Model Pilots executed last year so there are multiple options to choose from.**
 - **Kearstie suggested the county office of education based in Downey (for LA) should be consulted for additional contacts for forming a Conference.**
- Website:
 - LeRoy updated information for 2024-25 season.
 - LeRoy is adding information for 2025-26 season.
 - The **Level Up** game was announced at the **VEX IQ World Championships** on April 30.
 - The new NTG application will be posted shortly after the Board meeting.

Program Reports. Additional information not discussed previously.

- REC Foundation programs:
 - **Starting a new drone program "Arial drone pro".**
 - **Feedback from Worlds was extremely positive. St. Louis rolled out the red carpet.**

New Business.

Schedule Next Meeting. November 10, 2026, 7:00-8:00 PM via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:54pm

Agenda submitted by LeRoy Nelson

Minutes submitted by Terry Wells