Los Angeles Robotics Annual Board Meeting and Elections
Tuesday, November 10, 2026, 7:00-8:00 PM Pacific
Zoom Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Tony Young (President), Stephen Stein (Vice President), Terry Wells (Secretary), LeRoy Nelson (Treasurer), Anita Nelson

Quorum: 3 Directors.
Tarek was a member of the Board until he was required to withdraw after LAUSD and LARobotics decided not to register teams and leagues with RECF for the 2026-27 season on August 22, 2026.

Standard agenda items for the annual November Board Meeting:

1. Review and Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting
2. Committee Reports
3. Treasurer Reports
4. New Business
5. Schedule Next Meeting

Meeting convened at: 7:07 pm

1. **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

2. **Committee Reports** – Activities for previous 6 months and plans for next 6 months:
   a. **Audit:**
      Tarek Shraibati, Anita Nelson, and LeRoy Nelson met on July 31 to review the financial records.
      Met and reviewed the books. Found and fixed a small number of issues in the Financial Summary spreadsheet. No changes to the bottom line.
      We need someone to replace Tarek on the Audit Committee.
      Tony agreed to be a provisional member in Tarek's absence.
   b. **Nelson Team Grants:**
      LAUSD delayed registering teams and leagues until August 1. RECF was still not ready.
      RECF software development was running late, and the user interfaces were rough and very different.
      VEX restricted the sale of game and field element kits to Global Robotics teams.
      RECF challenged the restriction in court as a violation of the agreement between VEX and RECF.
      On August 21, RECF lost access to game and field element kits.
      LAUSD and LARobotics chose VEX/Global Robotics over RECF to maintain league schedules.
      Tarek indicated that the agreement between VEX and RECF required him to withdraw from the LARobotics board.

      LAUSD is in financial crisis, high risk of insolvency; fewer schools want to start teams.
      LAUSD eliminated coach stipends; many coaches withdrew.
      Donations: $57.1K, Expenditures: $16.9K.
      Plan: 120 grants approved, 10 new schools, 20 additional teams,
      10 dormant schools, 20 additional robot upgrades, 100 team fees.
      Actual: 22 grants approved, 5 new schools, 8 additional teams,
      2 dormant schools, 5 additional robot upgrades, 23 team fees
      16 Leagues scheduled, 4 cancelled, 12 leagues started, 2 Championships scheduled

One more team registered today (11/10).
Grants for new teams pay robot kits, practice fields, and team registration fees. Many schools couldn't start new teams so NTG offered to fund extra team fees for existing schools.

2024 registered teams: 342 LAUSD / 753 So Cal, 298 in LAUSD leagues
2025 registered teams: 391 LAUSD / 877 So Cal, 363 in LAUSD leagues
2026 registered teams: 278 LAUSD / 723 So Cal, 270 in LAUSD leagues
2026/2025 registrations: 71% LAUSD teams, 82% So Cal teams, 74% in LAUSD leagues

2026: RECF ENGAGE registered teams in So Cal: Not available
2025: RECF had 56 VEX IQ events in California-South and 1181 events including 97 leagues in USA.
2026: RECF has 1 RECF ENGAGE event in California-South and 185 events including 17 leagues in USA.

3. **Treasurer Reports**
   a. **Approve Financial Reports for the 2005-26 fiscal year ending 06/30/26**
      Financial Reports are posted online at https://larobotics.org/FinancialReports.html.
      No significant changes since we reviewed the Interim Financial Reports on May 12.
      Financial reports approved by consensus.
   b. **Review Federal and State tax returns for the 2005-26 fiscal year ending 06/30/26**
      Tax returns are posted online at larobotics.org/TaxReturns-Filings.html.
      All Board Members as of 6/30/26 are listed on page 2 of the Federal tax return with the same average hours per week as last year.
      Our tax returns are due on Monday, 11/16/26.
      Tax returns reviewed and no changes requested.
   c. **Key balances** as of 10/31/26:
      Banks: $69.8K, Credit cards: -$2.4K, Total: $67.3K
      Far fewer new teams were started than planned.

4. **New Business**
   Plans for next year.
   Dan Mantz, RECF CEO, requested a meeting with LeRoy Nelson and Ryan Osweiler, RECF VP of Programs, on 11/10/26 to discuss RECF's software developments and plans for next year.
   Dan also brought Tarek and Melody Johnson, VP of Marketing and Development. They met yesterday in San Diego with a supplier. Met with LeRoy today on way to meeting with lawyers. Most interesting news is that Tarek is half time now and retiring in June. Tarek is going to be invited to join the RECF board after retirement.
   Many school teams want to return to RECF after they get their startup transient sorted out.
   Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach, Downey might want to join the LAUSD conference.
   Global Robotics allowed teams from other districts to attend leagues but not to qualify for LAUSD championships. Would have to ask RECF if mixing districts in the same conference is ok with them.

5. **Schedule Next Meeting**
   Elections and other standard agenda items. Before end of May to submit reports.
   Selected May 11, 2027; 7-9pm

Meeting adjourned at: 8:08 pm

Agenda submitted by LeRoy Nelson
Minutes submitted by Terry Wells