

The National Space Grant Foundation: Of Service to the Space Grant Community

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Today's Presentation

- * Formation of the Foundation
- * Administrative structure
- * Mission
- * Services we provide to help you

Formation of The National Space Grant Foundation (NSGF)

- * Established by Space Grant Consortium (SGC) directors
- * Incorporated in 2001 as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization in Washington, DC
- * A “distributed” organization

NSGF Administrative Structure: Board Information

- * Seven elected board members

- * Philippe Geubelle (IL), Chair
- * Kevin Crosby (WI), Treasurer
- * Lynn Fenstermaker (NV), Deputy Treasurer
- * Darren Hitt (VT), Secretary
- * Jed Marquart (OH)
- * Shawna McBride (WY)
- * Joe Orr (UT)

- * *Ex officio* (nonvoting) board members

- * Steve Ruffin (GA), Chair, Executive Committee, National Council of NASA Space Grant Directors
- * John Kosmatka (CA), Chair, Board of Directors, National Space Grant Alliance
- * Mitch Hobish, Executive Director, NSGF

NSGF Mission Statement

- * To promote and provide students with transformational STEM educational and research opportunities and to support public engagement in areas related to NASA's missions.

How Do We Implement our Mission?

By discussing your organizational problems and helping to provide resolutions!

Typical Service Need: Organizing a Meeting

The Foundation can help you by:

- * Handling meeting registrations
- * Processing credit card payments
- * Making operations and logistics payments
- * Securing one-time event insurance

Typical Service Need: Processing Deposits

The Foundation can help you by processing deposits such as:

- * Affiliate dues
- * Funds collected by SGC
- * Invoicing vendors and receiving payment
- * Providing suitable supporting documentation

Typical Service Need: Processing Expenditures

The Foundation can help you by processing expenditures, such as:

- * Student/faculty stipends
- * Travel expenses
- * Staff meals
- * Promotional items
- * Office equipment
- * Staff bonuses

Typical Service Need: Processing Donations and Gifts

The Foundation can help you by:
processing donations and gifts:

- * Unrestricted
 - * Donations payable to NSGF or SGC
- * Restricted
 - * Designated for a specific activity
- * Written receipts issued for donations > \$250

Typical Service Need: Growing Funds

The Foundation can help you by:

- * Establishing and managing investment accounts
 - * Participant-directed
 - * Quasi-endowment
- * Goal: CPI + 4% annually
- * Financial management by Kerry Kearney, Merrill Lynch

FYI: “Invisible” NSGF Support Capabilities: Operations and Mailing List Support

- * Processing Distinguished Service Award nominations
- * Supporting web-based presence and utility
 - * Common URL for each SGC
 - * Hosting National Council web site
 - * Website design and development
- * Maintaining mailing lists for SGC directors and coordinators

Our Guiding Principles

- * Provide services in a timely fashion
- * Provide services at a low cost
- * *All to keep resources available for use by our key beneficiaries...*

THE STUDENTS!

How the NSGF Gets It All Done: Our Tip-top Staff

- * Administrative

- * $\Sigma = 0.59$ FTEs

- * **Shirley Campbell:** Assistant Director, general contract support

- * **Mark Fischer:** Information technology support

- * **Talia Jurgens:** Financial analysis

- * **Mitch Hobish:** Executive Director

- * Programmatic/administrative

- * $\Sigma = 0.53$ FTEs

- * **Shirley Campbell**

- * **Mark Fischer**

- * **Eric Day**

The Bottom Line: We're here to help you!

- * Open to new services
 - * Crowd-funding experiment
- * Open to new approaches
- * Open to partnering with single or multiple institutions
- * “Let’s talk about it!”

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The National Space Grant Foundation: Takeaway Message

Efficient
Low-cost
Space Grants
Lists
Outreach
Website
Payments
NASA
Stipends
Meetings
Support
Education
Aerospace
Services
Grant
Foundation
Registration
Hosting
Responsive
Investments
Research
Contracts
Donations