Senator Lloyd Bentsen of Texas
The 17 Winners were announced by NASA on 1989 August 31

Alabama Space Grant Consortium (5)
Arizona Space Grant College Consortium (3)
California Space Grant Consortium and Fellowship Program (3)
Colorado Space Grant Consortium (6)
Cornell Space Grant College Consortium (2)
Florida Space Grant Consortium (4)
Georgia Institute of Technology Space Grant Consortium (4)
Illinois Space Grant Consortium (6)
The Johns Hopkins Space Grant Consortium (3)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge (0)
Michigan Space Grant College Program (4)
Ohio Aerospace Institute (9)
Pennsylvania State University, University Park (0)
Rocky Mountain Space Grant Consortium (2)
Texas Space Grant Consortium (21)
Virginia Space Grant Consortium (5)
University of Washington, Seattle (0)

The first national meeting was held just five months later: and, by that time, FOUR additional Consortia had been selected:

New Mexico, Hawaii, Tennessee, and ... last but not least ... Iowa
January 1990
= 23 years ago

Applied Physics Laboratory, The Johns Hopkins University
How did that first national meeting come about?

Well, we proposed it, in the Maryland proposal!

Elaine Schwarz and Julius Dasch visited us at The Johns Hopkins University to begin the implementation of that first National Space Grant Meeting, at Johns Hopkins...

They started by announcing, "We're Management; you're Labor."

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I did manage to have the meeting include a one-hour meeting of us alone...

... and at that meeting I proposed that we create the National Council of Space Grant Directors.

It was unanimously agreed to form the Council, and I called for nominations for the first Chair.....

Steve Nichols of Texas marched to the podium, nominated himself, and was unanimously elected!
The despot's heel is on thy shore, Maryland, My Maryland!
NASA administers the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program for the Congress of the United States, which conceived the program, and which funds the program.

Space Grant has problems! Two of them!

1) Congressional disfunction in recent years has led to the omission of Language in the Space Grant appropriation directing that SG funding go, ~ equally, to each of the States.

2) NASA HQ reaction to the lack of direction from Congress, has been to provide directly to Space Grant only the amount in the Administration request - NOT the amount that Congress actually intends Space Grant to receive.