



NSG Alliance General Meeting

**2020 Fall National Space Grant Meeting
On-Line**

October 8-9, 2020

Agenda

- 2020 Alliance Summary (John)
- Treasurer's Comments (Scott)
- TIG Activities (Tom Devlin)
- Washington Update (Leslee Gilbert)
- Question / Answer (Leslee and John)

Thank you for your tremendous support.

The Space Grant budget growth to \$48M is testament to your effective engagement with your delegations.

Alliance Charter *

- Increase **financial and governmental support** available for education, research, and public outreach activities in STEM and additional fields, related to space, aeronautics, and Earth system science.
- Seek to **develop mutually beneficial relationships** among *private sector organizations*, government agencies, colleges and universities, and the Alliance's membership.
- Seek to **influence the activities of the local, state, and federal governments** on behalf of the Alliance's membership

* Summary of Bylaws of the National Space Grant Alliance

2020 Alliance Team

Alliance Board

John Kosmatka (CA), Chair *

Dale Thomas (AL), Vice Chair

Scott Tarry (NE), Treasurer

Jaydeep Mukherjee (FL), Secretary

Toni Galvin (NH) *

Greg Guzik (LA)

Chris Koehler (CO)

Shawna McBride (WY)

Cass Runyon (SC)

Mary Sandy (VA) *

Tim Urban (TX)

Robert Winglee (WA) *

Consulting Team - The Implementation Group (TIG)

Joseph Danek, Senior Vice President and COO

Tom Devlin, Program Manager

Madelyn Roeder, Director of Projects

Consulting Team - Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA)

Leslee Gilbert, Vice President

Laurie Katz, Director of Government Relations

Non-Voting Member

Luke Flynn (HI)

2020 Alliance Summary

- ***Hill Visit Recap***

- Space Grant Alliance focused on restoring and growing Space Grant Budget for a growing STEM workforce crisis
- FY21 Alliance Request:
 - \$52M ask with 85% base funding (\$844K per state),
 - 10% admin fee for each program in the Office of STEM Engagement
 - 5% for Special Projects

2020 Alliance Summary

- ***Hill Visit Takeaways***

- Space Grant enjoys broad bi-partisan support
 - \$52M ask well received
 - Viewed as an effective program
- NASA Space Grant program administration
 - Inability to meet 5% administrative fee language

- ***Post-Hill Activities***

- Worked with VSA to develop Dear Colleague Support Letter
- Your strong advocacy led to 107 House member signatures

Treasurer's Comments

Update on Dues

- Invoices for 2021 dues were emailed on October 3
- With the elimination of the tiered funding levels, alliance dues are now equalized (every jurisdiction pays the same)
- Survey was conducted to gauge impact of COVID. 36 members responded. 32 said no hardship. 4 said may be issues.

Financial Report

- Audit of 2018 and 2019 finally wrapping up
- Members will be emailed a year end (2020) financial report as well as any relevant findings from the audit in December

- **Space Grant Alliance Infographics**
 - FY2020 National
 - FY2021 National (upcoming)
 - FY2021 State-Template (upcoming)
 - FY2021 State-Template Video (upcoming)



- **Notable Space Grant Alumni**
 - Highlighted 12 astronauts, industry leaders, scientists, and educators that exemplify Space Grant's 3-decade contribution to the nation's STEM pipeline
- **Space Grant Consortia Initiatives During the Coronavirus Pandemic**
 - Reviewed websites and social media of 52 consortia, collected events and actions taken in response to the coronavirus pandemic
- **Unexpended Space Grant Funds: Causes, Effects, and Remedies**
- **Space Grant Background and Program Operations Document and Slide Deck**

The Implementation Group (TIG) – Surveys and Data Analysis

- **Space Grant FY 2019 & FY 2020 Funding Allocation Survey**
 - Created online survey and collected NASA funding award data and program expenditures data from all 52 consortia
 - Developed *NASA Funding Allocations for Space Grant by Jurisdiction* and *NASA Funding Allocations for Space Grant* reports
- **Notable Space Grant Alumni Survey**
 - Identified astronauts, industry leaders, research scientists, and educators that exemplify Space Grant's 3-decade contribution to the nation's space and STEM education and workforce pipeline
- **Unexpended Space Grant Funds Survey**
 - Look into unexpended funding amounts and investigate causes, magnitude, recurrence, effects and possible mitigating strategies

Where Are We Currently?

- **Appropriations Process Delayed**

- Continued Resolution approved through Dec. 11
- House completed 10 of 12 spending bills
- Senate will post spending bills in fall
- Possible completion in 1Q 2021

- **COVID-19 Response Legislation**

- House approved \$3.4 trillion HEROES Act in May
- House released \$2.2 trillion proposal in September
- Senate has yet to act, negotiations stalled
- Possible targeted relief bills before election

- **Senate Focus on Supreme Court**

FY2021 Space Grant Appropriations Priorities

- Multiple Members Submitted Forms or Letters (reported)
- 107 House Members Signed Dear Colleague Support Letter
- Multiple Senators Expressed Support for Space Grant at Senate Budget Hearing

Program	FY2020 Enacted	FY2021 Budget Request	FY2021 House Approved	FY2021 Senate Approved	FY2021 Final
Space Grant	\$48 million	\$0	\$51 million	TBD	TBD
NASA OSTEM	\$120 million	\$0	\$126 million	TBD	TBD

Outlook for Fall

- House of Representatives in recess to campaign
- Potential COVID-19 response negotiations continue...
- Supreme Court Nomination in Senate
 - Multiple-day confirmation hearing
 - Full debate on Senate floor
 - Few legislative options for Democrats
- NASA Reauthorization

Lame Duck Session

- **FY2021 Appropriations**
 - Current CR extends through Dec. 11
 - Second CR expected:
 - Change of power in White House will likely lead to CR extension into next year
 - President Trump victory could bring FY2021 appropriations to a close in December
- **COVID Response Legislation**
 - President Trump victory could lead to small COVID response bill following election – little appetite to spend more than \$1.5 trillion – no talk of economic stimulus
 - Vice President Biden victory could lead to larger proposal early next year including economic stimulus

Election Outlook

- **Democrats likely to retain control of the House of Representatives**
 - Current divide – 235 (D) -198 (R) – 1 (I)
- **Control of the United States Senate will be decided in November**
 - Current divide – 53 (R) – 45 (D) – 2 (I)
 - Competitive seats in Alabama (D), Arizona (R), Colorado (R), Georgia (R), Iowa (R), Maine (R), Montana (R), North Carolina (R), South Carolina (R)

Presidential Race

- Toss Ups: Arizona, Wisconsin, North Carolina, Florida
- Leans R: Texas, Iowa, Ohio, Georgia
- Leans D: Nevada, Minnesota, Michigan, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire

Crystal Ball for Next Congress

- **Regardless of outcome**
 - FY 2021 (and 2022!) appropriations
 - *Maybe* broader COVID legislation if the economy continues to drag
- **Biden administration + Dem. Senate control (no super majority)**
 - Further COVID relief and future stimulus bill
 - Democratic priorities for legislation: R&D investment and tax policies, infrastructure package, agency reauthorizations (NASA, NSF, DOE) and new emphasis points in existing programs
- **Biden administration + Rep. Senate control (no super majority)**
 - Some reauthorizations (NASA, NSF, DOE), but more limited in scale
- **Second Trump administration + Dem. Senate control**
 - Some reauthorization, but more limited in scale. Keep an eye on tax/reconciliation

Advocacy in an Age of COVID-19

- **Expect Phone Meetings—No In-Person Meetings/
Limited Zoom**
 - Status of Capitol Complex/Status of DC 2 Week Quarantine
 - Staffers Mostly Working From Home
 - Large “fly-ins” Strongly Discouraged
 - Video Conferences NOT the Norm
- **Advocacy Still Critical**
 - New Congress, New Members
 - Importance of Keeping Old Contacts Strong

*Thank you for your
continued support.*

Question and Answer Session