NSGA Board Meeting

Portland, Maine

October 14, 2010

**Attendees**: Dick Henry, Yervant Terzian, Pete Schultz, Chris Brown, Majid Jaraiedi, Bill Garrard, Raji Patel, John Gregory, Chris Koehler, Mary Sandy, Jaydeep Mukherjee

**Guests**: Joe Danek, Carolyn Fuller

**Chairs Report (presentation for Alliance Meeting)**

Agenda for Friday’s Meeting (Discussion)

* Move by-laws amendment and elections to after approval of minutes.
* Chris Brown suggested highlighting some key words in the Alliance Organization Purpose slide.
* Raji Patel suggested stating Democrats and Republicans in the slide which talks about “Dear Letters” sponsors.
* Pete Schultz asked a question about the NASA administration cost increase (does it mean that NASA can ask for any amount for administration costs). This was followed by a discussion on administration costs.
* Advocacy slide
  + need to build awareness with NASA administrator, deputy administrator and associate administrator Leland Melvin
  + need to work with newly elected federal legislators
* Chris Brown suggested to add the main point as the title for each slide.

**September 27, 2010 Alliance telecom Minutes**

To be approved later.

**Discussion on the Alliance by Laws**

There was a suggestion to change Article IV Section 1 by adding the statements underlined below

“Each member will be represented by their respective designated representative, the Director of the Space Grant Consortium. In the event that a member’s designated representative is unable to attend a meeting of the Alliance, the designated representative may designate an alternate who shall have all the powers and duties of the designated representative, including voting. The designated representative must identify the alternate in writing to the Chair of the Alliance Board prior to the meeting.”

It was also suggested that the Article IV Members, Section 1 Members be clarified as follows:

“Section 1. Members. The alliance shall be a membership organization composed of one class of membership of no more than 52 members with each Space Grant Consortium…being considered as one member. Each member will be represented by their respective designated representative, the Director or Co-director of the Space Grant Consortium (provided the Co-Director has responsibilities which are equivalent to that of the Director). “

* Pete Schultz had a question on the word “identify”. Need to add “approved” by the chair. The Chair did not feel this was necessary and the other Board members agreed.
* Consensus was that the changes as noted above are fine.
* Yervant Terzian moved to accept the changes in the first statement, seconded by John Gregory. All in favor.
* For the second statement, Yervant Terzian moved to accept the changes, seconded by Majid Jaraiedi. All in favor.

**Presentation by Carolyn Fuller**

* Status of FY 2011 Appropriations.
* NASA Authorization Act 2011: Status
* Post election issues

**Council Chair Update**

There was nothing new to update the Board. Chris Koehler informed the Board that he has good communications with Diane Detroye.

**Update by Joe Danek**

The update included the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST) report and some strategies for changes.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Majid Jaraiedi gave the Board a copy of the presentation for the Alliance General Body meeting along with a copy of the audit report

**Minutes of Spring NSGA General Body Meeting at Washington DC**

Bill Garrard moved to accept the minutes, Dick Henry seconded. All in favor.

**Sandy informed the Board that she will not continue as chair when her term ends on December 31, 2010.**

**Next Telecon.**

Second week of November 2010.