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Purpose of Alliance

- Increase the financial and governmental support for National Space Grant program
- Publicize the objectives activities of the SG Alliance and its members

SG Alliance

- 501(c)(4)- Social Welfare Organization
- (IRS definition)
  - VSA
    - Registered lobbyists paid by the Space Grant Alliance
  - It is legal for me to lobby?
    - You are not lobbying
    - You are educating and informing

Alliance Accomplishments

Founded 2000

Fiscal Year	National Program (in Millions)
FY 91-95	$ 69.6 (total)
FY 96	$ 14.6
FY 97	$ 13.6
FY 98-01	$ 19.1
FY 02-04	$ 24.5
FY 05-06	$ 28.2
Total	$ 304.1

SG Alliance
SG Directors Council

SG Alliance

- Membership- Dues
- Elected governing body
  - 12 board members
- Liaison & advocacy group in Congress for Space Grant

SG Directors Council

- Membership - FREE
- Elected governing body
  - 6 board members
- Liaison with NASA & among Space Grant Programs

Alliance Organizational Structure

- 12 elected board members
- States who have paid their dues are eligible to run for the board
- Next election, Fall 2007
  - 4 seats open

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- Make your point in 2 minutes when visiting with staffers
- Ask for support of $35 million in 2008 (& listen to what Carolyn says)
- If you don’t know the answer say so, find answer, & get back to the staffer ASAP

Preparing

- Who has been to the Hill- stand
- Who has not been to the Hill- raise your hand
- Those standing go and visit with someone who has their hand raised, talk for 5 minutes about the points made earlier

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