

**National Space Grant Alliance General Body Meeting**

**October 25, 2012**

**Seattle, WA**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair John Gregory at 6pm

Bill Garrard provided instructions for the Alliance election nominations

**Chair’s presentation**

* John Gregory talked about the purpose and goals of the Alliance and then presented the Alliance Board. He also announced that Majid Jaridi has resigned from the Board
* The 2013 & 2012 budget for both NASA education and Space Grant was presented to the membership. John also talked about the trend of Space Grant funding.
* John gave an update on how many states have already received their 4th year funding.

**Carolyn Fuller presentation to the membership**

Carolyn Fuller talked about the presentation that she will make at the General Body Meeting this evening. She elaborated on 4 major points

* FY 2013 Continuing Resolution
* FY 2013 Regular Appropriations Bills
* Sequestration
* FY 2014

FY 13 Continuing Resolution

* HJ Res 117
  + Signed September 28, 2012 because no regular FY 13 appropriations bills had passed
* Funds Federal Government until March 27, 2013, unless Congress acts on regular bills before
* Funds Federal Government at $1.047 trillion, the cap set in the Budget Control Act of 2011
* Issue: How much is NASA spending under CR?

FY 2013 Appropriations

* Overall Spending Levels:
  + - Budget Cap: $1.047 trillion
    - Senate level: $1.047 trillion
    - House level: $1.028 trillion
* NASA Education Appropriation (in millions)
  + - FY 12: $138.4 FY 13 Request: $100 House: $100 Senate: $125
* Space Grant Appropriation
  + - FY 12: $40/38.9 FY 13 Request: $24 House: $24 Senate: $40
* Enacted Authorization
  + - FY 13: $45.5 million

FY13 Appropriations Language

* House: “*Aerospace Research and Career Development:* The recommended level includes $24,000,000 for NASA Space Grant and $9,000,000 for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). The Committee urges NASA to minimize the administrative costs associated with these programs in order to maximize funding available for programmatic purposes. In furtherance of administrative cost oversight, NASA is directed to include an accounting of its administrative costs for both Space Grant and EPSCoR in the spending plan prepared pursuant to the administrative provisions of title III of this Act and in the fiscal year 2014 budget request.”
* Senate: “*NASA Space Grant:* The Committee is disappointed at NASA efforts to hold back funds appropriated for NASA Space Grant and directs that within the $40,000,000 provided for Space Grant, NASA fund 42 States or jurisdictions at $790,000 and 10 States or jurisdictions at $620,000. NASA’s administrative fee is limited to $620,000.”

Sequestration

* Scheduled by law to go into effect in January 2013
* Administration report on impact of Sequestration
  + Based on CR
  + NASA Education
    - BA Amount $136 million
    - Sequester % 8.2%
    - Sequester Amount $11 million
* Possibilities
  + - Handle in lame duck
    - Delay
    - Grand Bargain early next year
    - Allow to go into effect under current law

FY 2014

* Budget Cap
  + $1.066 trillion
  + +$68 billion but 6% cut to baseline
  + No distinction between defense and non-defense
* Appropriations
  + Unlikely to have final FY 13 number when budget prepared for Congress
  + NASA out-year projections had $24 million for Space Grant
* Authorization
  + Current authorization expires September 30, 2013—at end FY 13
* Issues
* Amount to seek
* Individual consortia allocations
* Permitted uses of funds
* Strategy

**Alliance Elections**

Bill Garrard requested nominations from the floor

* John Gregory nominated Raji Patel
* Mary Sandy nominated Bill Garrard. Bill Garrard did not accept the nomination
* Chris Brown nominated Cassandra Runyon
* Jack Higginbotham nominated Toni Gavin

Peter Sukanek moved to close the nominations. Wally Fowler seconded the motion. All in favor

**Other issues**

Joe Danek talked about the lack of visibility of Space Grant on the NASA website. He also suggested the idea of single tier of funding for the states. Joe Danek also stressed the idea of unfunded collaboration with other entities. John Gregory talked about the benefits of having the same level of funding.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40PM