**National Space Grant Alliance**

**Alliance Board Teleconference – May 19, 2011**

**Participants**: Chris Brown (Chair), John Gregory (Vice-Chair), Majid Jaraiedi (Treasurer), Jaydeep Mukherjee (Secretary), Angela DesJardin, Terry Shehata, Yervant Terzian, and Pat Hynes.

**Guests:** Carolyn Fuller (VSA), Joe Danek (TIG)

**Not participating**: Paul Johnson, Dick Henry, Mary Sandy

**March 28 Telecon Minutes**

John Gregory moved to approve the minutes, Pat Hynes seconded. All in favor for the approval of the March 28th telecom minutes.

**April 21 Telecon minutes**

John Gregory moved to approve the minutes, Pat Hynes seconded. All in favor for the approval of the April 21 telecom minutes

**Elizabeth Armstrong welcome**

Elizabeth Armstrong has joined the VSA and since she was not present, Carolyn Fuller introduced her to the Alliance Board.

**Programmatic Request Update**

Chris Brown gave an update on the email request that was sent to the Directors to contact their congressional delegate. The email urged the Directors to contact their delegation members in the House of Representatives who are supportive of Space Grant and ask them to submit the following Programmatic Request: “That the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee include $45.6 million for the NASA National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program under the NASA Education account for FY 2012”.

**Space Grant Directors Letter**

Chris Brown and Carolyn Fuller are working on a draft of the letter to be signed by the Directors to demonstrate nationwide support for the SG Program. This letter would be sent to Chair/Ranking Member. John Gregory mentioned that this letter will not be a problem for most of the Directors and advised the Board that we should inform the Directors that the request is for a national program increase and not a request for a state program increase. The consensus was that there should be at least 40 signatures and scan signatures should suffice.

Chris Brown informed the Board that Chris Koehler has talked to Diane Detroye regarding FY11funds. Diane is aware of our needs for the funds but she does not have funds to distribute to the states.

Joe Danek advised that states should make programmatic adjustments because of the delay in funding this year and next year.

**Next teleconference**

June 16, 2011 at 3pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jaydeep Mukherjee

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