**National Space Grant Alliance**

**Alliance Board Teleconference – June 16, 2011**

**Participants**: Chris Brown(Chair), John Gregory(Vice-Chair), Yervant Terzian, Jaydeep Mukherjee (Secretary), Dick Henry, Paul Johnson, Mary Sandy, Angela Des Jardins, Pat Hynes

**Guests**: Carolyn Fuller, Joe Danek

**May 19, 2011 Minutes**: John Gregory moved to adopt the minutes, Mary Sandy seconded the motion. All were in favor in adopting the minutes as presented to the Board

**2011 Funding Status:** Yervant Terzian informed the Board that as of this morning only 1 state has been awarded (Iowa). For 4 of the states, work is pending and for 4 others, work is in progress.

**NASA operating plan:** Carolyn Fuller informed the Board that the NASA operating plan was delivered to Congress at 6:30PM

Mary Sandy said that Representative Wolfe’s staff had advised her to wait to see the plan and then address any concerns. Mary Sandy said that she will get in touch with Carolyn Fuller to discuss what to ask Rep. Wolfe’s office about the language in the operational plan.

Joe Danek suggested that we should ask for language which would state how much the states should receive for the 2nd part of the funds. He also suggested that the language should be like prior years.

Joe Danek gave an update on his conversation with Diane Detroye. According to Diane, the first agreement is going out fast while the Augmentation part is under discussion. We might hear something in the next two weeks. Joe Danek also told the Board that Diane would not encourage anyone to shift their programs to support middle school students.

Chris Brown added that there might be an emphasis on interaction with schools of education.

**SG Directors' letter:** Chris Brown informed the Board that he has received some comments on the Space Grant Directors letter that will be sent to the House and Senate Appropriations chairs and ranking member. He said that the deadline to send the letter is next Friday (June 24, 2011) since the sub-committee meeting is on July 7th.

Joe Danek mentioned that the letter in bullet form is more readable and advised the Board not too waste too much time with the numbers. He said that we should worry more about the language.

Carolyn Fuller told the Board that it is very important to have a large number of Director’s signatures.

Chris Brown said that he will look at the letter closely and will add a few numbers from the fact sheet and add the exact language that divides the funds among the states. He will also email instructions on sending the signatures

**Transition Meeting:** The Transitionmeeting will be held on July 7th in Washington, DC. Chris Brown informed the Board that Diane DeTroye will be present at the meeting and he will talk on behalf of the Alliance.

Chris Brown and Chris Koehler will co-ordinate among themselves regarding what questions to ask Diane DeTroye.

**Elections:**

Chris Brown asked for nominations since three of the Alliance members terms will be expiring at the end of 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Jaydeep Mukherjee