**National Space Grant Alliance**

**Alliance Board Teleconference – July 21, 2011**

**Participants**: Mary Sandy, Chris Brown, Yervant Terzian, Dick Henry, Jaydeep Mukherjee, John Gregory, Angela DesJardin, and Majid Jaraiedi

**Guests**: Carolyn Fuller, Elizabeth Armstrong, Joe Danek, Chris Koehler

**June 16 minutes** – Dick Henry moved to accept the minutes; Yervant Terzian seconded the motion. All in favor

**House strategy**

Chris Brown gave an overview of the strategy used to inform the House

* Generated a letter for the House which talked about the impact of the cuts
* Amendments are not a good idea and may probably be voted down
* Chris Brown was advised that an amendment may not look good with the Senate.

Carolyn Fuller also advised the Board not to put forward an amendment. She also advised against a manager’s amendment bill and said that she will consult with others regarding such a bill.

Yervant Terzian commented that the timing is important.

Mary Sandy and Carolyn talked about a few Directors meeting at Washington DC on August 10, 2011

Chris Brown mentioned that since recess begins from August 5, 2011 to September , this is the time when the Directors can meet the representatives in their state.

**Senate strategy**

* Letter will be more specific and will request the Senators to get in touch with the chairman of the sub-committee on the Senate side.
* Carolyn advised that we contact all the members of the subcommittee. The same Senate letter will go to the subcommittee but the members will need an extra push.
* Senates recess the same as the house.
* September Hill visit day for making a trip to Washington DC to meet with Senators.

**Elections:**

Chris Brown notified the Board that there were four open seats on the Foundation Board. There are four nominees with three incumbents. Chris asked the Board whether they are OK with four nominees for four vacant seats and the Directors replied in the affirmative

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