**National Space Grant Alliance**

**Alliance Board Teleconference – September 15, 2011**

**Participants**: Mary Sandy, Chris Brown, Jaydeep Mukherjee, Dick Henry, Majid Jaridi, John Gregory, Steve Ruffin, Angela Des Jardins, Yervant Terzian, Chris Koehler, Terry Shehata

**Guests:** Carolyn Fuller

**Washington DC report** (Carolyn Fuller and Chris Brown)

Chris Brown mentioned that the Senate CJS subcommittee finished with their budget and Space Grant is in the budget for 3% less than $45.6 million (Space Grant is at $44.2 Million). The Senate full committee is in meeting right now but will not go into conference for a couple of weeks.

Carolyn Fuller informed the Board that the Continuing Resolution (CR) will end on November 18th and is at the level adopted at the Senate marking. The basis is the 2011 budget. NASA will release finds initially at the President’s budget level. She also advised the Board that we should get our act together the week of October 3rd, 2011 and contact the house on October 10th

Chris Brown welcomed Steve Ruffin on the Alliance board and informed the Directors that Steve Ruffin will stand for election next week at the National Meeting

**Executive committee report (Chris Koehler)**

* Augmentation funds in the award process
* Diane Detroye is working on augmentation release. This is only the portion that each state will get (not the competitive part)
* No information on split
* RFP is similar to last year

**August 18 minutes**: John Gregory moved to accept the minutes; Mary Sandy seconded the motion. All in favor

**Meeting with Leland Melvin**

There was a discussion on whether the Alliance should pursue a meeting with Leland Melvin since the congressional staffers and representatives wanted SG to meet with him. Chris Brown informed the Board Alliance by-laws states that Alliance can talk to federal agencies, industry and other parties and it does not state that the Alliance cannot meet with NASA

Chris Brown gave a brief background on the Space Grant funding history, specifically, the total NASA funding versus the total education funding.

Chris brown informed the Board that he had talked to Diane Detroye about connecting jobs to Space Grant and she liked the idea

Telecon adjourned at 4:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jaydeep Mukherjee