

# **Board of Directors of the National Space Grant Alliance**

## **Minutes of the Oct 28, 2002, Meeting in Dorado, Puerto Rico**

John Gregory, presiding, convened the meeting at 5pm

### **Status of Dues Payments**

There are 10 states that haven't yet paid. We need to figure out how to persuade them to pay, or we then realize that we cannot pay the bill.

### **Planning for the Alliance Session**

At the Alliance session, Carolyn will give an overview of this year's actions and where we are. There was discussion of whether we need language to specify uses of the money on the basis of the expected \$24.1M. After the elections, we will have to strategize on the possible authorization bills that will arise. Next year, we'll be competing against some of the new NASA priorities. We need to make the new AA aware of SG and its programs, and offer to help her carry out her agenda.

### **White Paper Discussion**

The draft needs to be polished. Our basic message is that we are a higher education program, focusing on workforce development. However, we can also offer our network and experience to help Code N. Carolyn said the authorizing committee staff wants a simple, concise plan, and not added initiatives each year to justify increases. The Board unanimously approved the principles in the draft, and needs to move forward expeditiously to finish the details for presentation to the AA.

Adjourned at 6:10pm.