



## Minutes of the Alliance General Body Meeting (Stowe, Vermont) – September 14, 2019 at 4:30pm

### Agenda:

2018 Alliance Team  
Washington Update (Leslee Gilbert)  
Full-Cost Accounting  
Upcoming Congressional Efforts

### 2018 Alliance Team

#### ***Alliance Board***

John Kosmatka (CA), Chair  
Cassandra Runyon (SC), Vice Chair \*  
Scott Tarry (NE), Treasurer  
Jaydeep Mukherjee (FL), Secretary \*  
Toni Galvin (NH)  
Greg Guzik (LA) \*  
Dick Henry (MD)  
Mason Peck (NY)  
Mary Sandy (VA)  
Peter Schultz (RI)  
Dale Thomas (AL) \*  
Robert Winglee (WA)

#### ***Consulting Team - The Implementation Group (TIG)***

Joseph Danek, Senior Vice President and COO  
Kelvin Chu, Vice President  
Tom Devlin, Program Manager  
Eleanor Bowling, Director of Projects

#### ***Consulting Team - Van Scoyoc Associates (VSA)***

Leslee Gilbert, Vice President  
Laurie Katz, Director of Government Relations

#### ***Non-Voting Members***

Angela Des Jardins (MO)  
Steve Ruffin (GA)

### Alliance Charter

- Increase financial and governmental support available for education, research, and public outreach activities in STEM and additional fields, related to space, aeronautics, and Earth system science.
- Seek to develop mutually beneficial relationships among private sector organizations, government agencies, colleges and universities, and the Alliance's membership.
- Seek to influence the activities of the local, state, and federal governments on behalf of the Alliance's membership

## 2018 Hill Visits Summary (John Kosmatka)

- President's budget request for FY19 zeroed out OE.
- Space Grant Alliance focused on restoring and growing Space Grant Budget for a needed STEM workforce.
- Alliance worked to develop a stronger partnership with NASA.
- FY19 Alliance Request: \$48M ask with 5% admin fee.

## Washington DC Update (Leslee Gilbert)

- FY 2019 Appropriations

	2017, 2018 Current	2019 Pres Bud	2019 House CJS	2019 Senate CJS
Space Grant	\$40M	-	\$40M	\$44M
MUREP	\$32M	-	\$32M	\$33M
EPSCoR	\$18M	-	\$18M	\$21M
SEAP	\$10M	-	-	\$12M
Total (NASA OE)	\$100M	-	\$90M	\$110M

- 2019 House CJS Committee: There is directional language to NASA to not exceed 5% in overhead costs.
  - 2019 Senate CJS Committee: There is language supporting a multi-year extension of the program and a 5% cap on administrative expenses.
  - Expect a Continuing Resolution (CR) starting Oct. 1 and running through mid-December.
  - Under a CR, funding and program direction continues at current, FY 2018, levels.
- NASA Reauthorization Bill Not Expected Until Next Year

## NASA Full Cost Accounting (John Kosmatka)

- Background
  - Started in 2011 to provide full disclosure for all Space Grant activities.
  - Different than NSF – no free resources for Space Grant.
- “Full cost” accounting used by NASA OE to manage and budget for Space Grant and other educational programs.

- Ties direct and indirect costs (including civil service personnel) to the Space Grant program;
- Accounts for all NASA OE costs under one of three components:
  - Direct costs – including support service costs & civil service salaries
  - Indirect center costs - center/facility general and administrative (G&A) costs
  - Indirect headquarter G&A costs

### 2018 Congressional Program:

	\$ 40.0 M
State Portion (5 <sup>th</sup> year RFP)	\$ 34.1 M
Space Grant Direct and Indirect Costs (14.7%)	\$ 5.9 M

- Direct Program Procurements
  - Civil Service Employees (salaries, benefits, travel)
  - Contracts, Services, Purchased Goods
  - Space Grant Service Pool Costs
  - IT Support, Contractors, Facilities, Publishing
- Indirect - Center G&A Costs (Not specific to Space Grant)
  - Civil servants for HR, procurement, accounting
- Indirect – Headquarter G&A Costs
  - Administrator, Business Ops, Immediate Staff

\$3.1 M

Admin Fee  
7%  
(\$2.8M)

**5% (\$2M)  
Language**

### Upcoming Congressional Efforts (John Kosmatka)

- Alliance Board will be working to investigate new approaches to protect and grow our funding.
- Strategy depends upon election results, Congressional committee members, and Congressional language limitations.
- March 2019 Hill visits, Added webinars, in lieu of the traditional Wednesday breakfast, Congressional outreach documents in advance of the fly-in.
- Possible (\$50M) Request:
  - \$45 M Request for Space Grant.

- \$ 5 M NASA Direct / Indirect Costs (fixed) to run Space Grant
- Added language that NASA must run Space Grant program using \$5M budget and they cannot draw from the SG \$45M award.

### **General Discussions**

- Chris Koehler voiced his displeasure on the \$5.9M Space Grant Direct and Indirect Costs.
- Greg Guzik mentioned that he had a problem with the USIP support costs.
- There was a general discussion on why the NASA Admin costs (\$5.9M) was so high, followed by a discussion on the break-up of the costs.
- Chris Koehler advocated for equal funding and to forget the past.
- Greg Guzik also voiced his support for equal funding.
- Suzanne Smith questioned the 68% matching requirement.
- Scott Tarry reminded the members about next year's Alliance dues.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm