

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), Secratary *

Toni Galvin (NH)

Greg Guzik (LA) *

Dick Henry (MD)

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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

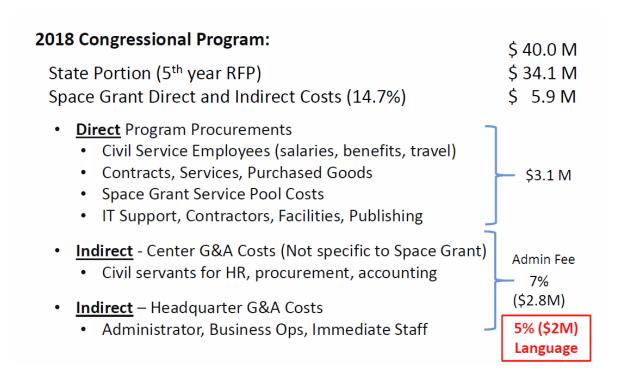
	2017, 2018 Current	2019 Pres Bud	2019 House CJS	2019 Senate CJS
Space Grant	\$40M	-	\$40M	\$44M
MUREP	\$32M	-	\$32M	\$33M
EPSCoR	\$18M	-	\$18M	\$21M
SEAP	\$10M	-	-	\$12M
Total (NASA OE)	\$100M	-	\$90M	\$110M

- 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:
 - <u>Direct costs</u> including support service costs & civil service salaries
 - Indirect center costs center/facility general and administrative (G&A) costs
 - Indirect headquarter G&A costs



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