

Minutes of the Teleconference of the Board of Directors of the National Space Grant Alliance, 25 Feb 00, 1000 hrs PDT.

Members of the Board of Directors present: Bowen, Byrd, DeCosmo, Garrard, Hackney, Hanson, Hiscock, Sandy, Wefel. Others in conference: Representing VSA/TIG; Danek, Fuller, Booth and Weickhardt.

1. Discussion of letters to Appropriations subcommittees outlining NASA Space Grant program FT '01 budget request. Fuller has arranged several letters. Several more states/representatives were identified to target senders/recipients. Fuller to pass draft letters to Hiscock who will forward them to appropriate Space Grant Directors.
2. Discussion of budgetary and programmatic goals for FY '01.
  - a. A possible "Space Grant Fellowship" program to send faculty and graduate students to NASA Centers was outlined (similar to existing SSF and GSRP). There was a consensus of the Board to seek funding for this program.
  - b. Discussion of other possible initiatives—Citizen Explorer, Geospatial Technologies Specialists, etc. There was Board agreement that Fuller and Danek should see if several of these ideas can be combined into an "umbrella" program to reflect the diverse interests of the states. A report will be expected at the next teleconference scheduled for 3 Mar 00.
3. The meeting adjourned at 1100hrs PDT.