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MINUTES OF THE SPACE GRANT ALLIANCE

Washington, D.C. Meeting

February 27, 2008

Meeting:

- Chair Yervant Terzian called the meeting to order at 1:25 pm.
 - Thanked the DC Space Grant Consortium
 - Explained the reasons for the change in meeting time
 - Recognized VSA/TIG for helping secure the Space Grant funding
 - Review of the agenda
 - Introductions of Board Members and Officers
- Majid Jaraiedi presented the Treasurer's Report
 - List of consortia that have paid
 - Fees collected in 2007 - \$201,000
 - Fees not collected - 11,500
 - Collection rate is 94.6%, up from 88% in 2006
 - Dues will be based on % of funding a consortium receives for 2009
- Ex. Designated Consortia receive \$750,000 and would pay \$5,000; Non-designated Consortia receive \$550,000 and would pay \$3,600
- Yervant Terzian informed the Alliance members of the Foundation web site
- A discussion followed regarding the schedule for future Alliance meetings
- The Five-Year Plan was presented
 - Had been approved in New Mexico, but changes in wording require another vote
 - By 2012, every consortium will be funded at the \$1M level
 - The 2009 budget includes a component for extension funding
- FY 2008 Budget
 - Congress allocated \$7.7M for full cost accounting; No one was sure who requested this increase
 - The President's Budget listed the Space Grant at \$28M, but we were at \$42M, including the full cost accounting amount
 - \$750,000 for designated; \$550,000 for non-designated
- Joe Danek and Carri Booth led a discussion about the budget
 - Anything about the authorization is a plus up
 - There will be no dear colleague letter this year
 - We should ask our congressional delegations for a \$4.8M plus up
 - We will not see a signed bill until after the elections
 - The effect of a continuing resolution would depend upon the wording
 - VSA/TIG will be contacting members of congress. There will be a constant process between now and when the bill gets signed

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM

Respectfully submitted: Jean A. Teasdale, Secretary

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