GEMINI BOARD MEETING



HILO, HAWAI'I – 13-15 MAY 2015

Resolutions Arising from the 13-15 May 2015 Gemini Board Meeting

- **2015.A.1.** The Board approves the 2016A goal of 91% science time on Gemini South, and 96% on Gemini North.
- **2015.A.2.** The Board notes that the intended O&M contributions from the continuing partners in 2016 are \$18,022,087 (US), \$5,008,669 (Canada), \$856,174 (Argentina) and \$1,797,930 (Brazil), for a total of \$25,684,860. The US intends to increase its O&M contributions annually thereafter by 3%, while the other partners will increase by 2%. Partners intend to contribute to the IDF at a level of 10% of their O&M contributions, on a best-effort basis. The Board further notes that these intended contributions are stated to provide a planning framework for the Gemini Observatory over the period beginning in 2016 and ending in 2021.
- **2015.A.3.** The Board notes the Observatory's report of the possible overspend of the approved O&M budget by more than 3%. It encourages the Observatory to assess carefully the return on investment before committing to its proposed capital improvement projects.
- **2015.A.4.** The Board approves the Observatory's request to move the FDF funds remaining at the end of 2015 into the IDF to be spent on projects, in consultation with the STAC.
- **2015.A.5.** The Board instructs the Executive Agency to have the funds in receipt from the limited-term partnerships now in force with Korea and Australia accounted for as part of IDF.
- **2015.A.6.** The Board approves the Observatory's request to proceed with the Request for Proposals for a new GeMS laser.
- **2015.A.7.** The Board acknowledges the STAC report and endorses their recommendations about the top development priorities. The Board notes the STAC concerns about the limited resources for a number of the top priority items in the development plan, while resources are apparently being allocated to lower priority items. The Board would welcome a statement from the Observatory and the STAC clarifying this issue.
- **2015.A.8.** The Board notes the STAC preferred site location for GHOST and further defers a decision until the performance of GRACES on science targets is reported to the Board in November 2015.
- **2015.A.9.** The Board endorses the addition of a STAC member to the GIFS and Gen4#3 steering committees.
- **2015.A.10.** The Board urges the Observatory in consultation with the Gen4#3 steering committee to develop a Request for Proposals that will deliver a highly competitive scientific instrument keeping in mind the Board's wish to sustain the instrument building capacity within the partnership.
- **2015.A.11.** The Board approves the re-appointment of Paul Martini as Chair of the STAC for another year.
- **2015.A.12.** The Board approves the nominations of Thomas Barnes (US), Abi Saha (US), and Eric Steinbring (Canada) to the STAC. They will replace outgoing members Nathan Smith, Kevin Luhman, and Tim Davidge.
- **2015.A.13.** The Board is pleased with the early response to the Fast Turnaround Program and looks forward to the mid-year report. This report should contain a clear statement about the selection criteria of this program, based on experience from the first six months. It should also describe how the Observatory plans to inform the community of these criteria. An Appendix should list all approved programs.
- **2015.A.14.** The Board approves Gemini staff access to the Fast Turnaround Program as PIs in the months after delivery to the Board of the mid-year report.

GEMINI BOARD MEETING



HILO, HAWAI'I - 13-15 MAY 2015

- **2015.A.15.** The Board acknowledges the tiger team report on possible future models for Gemini instrumentation development. The Board charges the Director to now head this instrumentation study team and convene a meeting hosted with the participation of the Executive Agency to discuss the report and recommend options that might be implemented. The Board requests specific recommendations on fund transfer to IDF from O&M. These recommendations should be submitted to the Board in time for the November 2015 meeting.
- **2015.A.16.** The Board notes the general guiding principles contained in the current draft of the Gemini Strategic Vision document, which has stimulated productive discussion. The Board acting through its Chair will form a new working group charged with recommending a path toward formulating a strategic plan for Gemini extending through the next decade. A draft charge for a strategic planning committee should be delivered by the November 2015 meeting.
- **2015.A.17.** The Board acknowledges the thoughtful recommendations from the AOC-G, and thanks outgoing AOC-G Chair, Jim Fanson, for his sound advice on the management issues of Gemini.
- **2015.A.18.** The Board welcomes Thaisa Storchi-Bergmann and Victoria Alonso as the new Board representatives of Brazil and Argentina, respectively.
- **2015.A.19.** The Board welcomes Matt Mountain as the new AURA President.