Resolutions Arising from the 12 September 2022 Gemini Board Meeting

Introduction

The Board met via videoconference on 12 September 2022 to discuss the FY2023 Program Operating Plan (POP) for the Gemini Observatory and approve the FY2023 operating budget.

The Board Resolutions below are for public release.

RESOLUTIONS

2022.B.1.   The Board notes NOIRLab's FY2023 Program Operating Plan (POP) and recommends it for submission to NSF.

2022.B.2. The Board notes the reported FY 2022 O&M and IDF spending for Q3 and forecast for the remainder of the fiscal year.

2022.B.3. The Board approves the requested O&M and IDF budgets for FY2023 as follows:

	US $
Operations & Maintenance (Oct 1, 2022 – Sep 30, 2023)	$35,944,442
Instrument Development Fund ((Oct 1, 2022 – Sep 30, 2023)	$7,139,825
Total (Oct 1, 2022 – Sep 30, 2023)	$43,084,26

2022.B.4. The Gemini Board acknowledges and thanks NSF for the 2022 supplemental funding awards to Gemini Observatory/NOIRLab to support moving Gemini-S telescope to zero carbon emissions, and Next Generation TDA/MMA Software Infrastructure at Gemini Observatory.

2022.B.5. The Board acknowledges the uncertainty in the inflation-related escalation of NSF's 2023 partner contributions to the Gemini Observatory O&M and IDF. By mutual agreement, the Board resolves that the 2023A and 2023B observing share calculations shall assume that the U.S. will deliver a 3% escalation in 2023.

Action Items:

2022.B1. This action item is to inform the Board about the on-going status of the Gemini Staff and budget in relation to the aggressive IDF FY23 spending plan. The Board requests a high-level breakdown of the carry-forward funding within the Gemini Budget specifically separating O&M from IDF. We reaffirm here the O&M dollar carry-forward floor to be set at 45 days as per Board's past directives. Additionally, the Board request a 1-slide summary each quarter during FY2023 showing progress against planned milestones, specifically contract payments and staff hiring, vacancies, and departures. This should include planned vs. actual budget and staff numbers.