



**GEMINI BOARD MEETING
ACTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

HILO, HAWAII – NOVEMBER 2000

RESOLUTIONS

1. The Board approved the revised 2000 Construction Budget of \$14,951,770.
2. The Board approved the proposed 2001 Construction Budget of \$637,004.
3. The Board approved the proposed 2001 Operations and Maintenance budget of \$14,300,449.
4. The Board approved the proposed 2001 budget for the Southern Base Facility of \$1,367,705.
5. The Board approved the proposed 2001 Facilities Development Budget of \$3,109,728.
6. The Board approved the proposed 2001 Instrument Development Budget of \$4,594,546 as presented by the IGPO, that includes the rephasing of the MCAO program to future years, and the additional support of the laser development program submitted as a proposal to NSF.
7. The Board approved the proposed spend increase of \$205,500 to the previously approved 2001 Operations and Maintenance Budget to provide for enhanced Public Information and Outreach activities by the IGPO. This addition brings the approved 2001 Operations and Maintenance Budget to \$14,505,949.
8. The Board recognized and approved the use of the reserve in 2001 to reduce cash requirements in 2001 as presented in the Operations Cash Flow Projection with all additions included by the IGPO.
9. The Board recognized the strong possibility that the Chilean and Argentine partners will not be in a position to provide their contributions to operations in 2001, and noted the Gemini Finance Committee's view that the IGPO is likely to be able to manage the cash flow consequences of a deficit of up to \$1.5M on a one time only basis in 2001. The Board approved the total operations spend budget of \$22,627,928. The Board will approve the full budget by correspondence only when the agencies have clarified their commitment to cover the outstanding Argentine and Chilean contributions in exchange for telescope time.
10. The Board approved the ramped budget for Operations as presented by the IGPO, with a starting point of \$23,110,367.
11. The Board notes the report "Recommended IDF Contributions to Pay Overhead Costs for Future Investments September 2000." The Board approves the recommended schedule of 'restarting the clock from 2001' that results in a ramp to a stable level after 5 years with the increase in Partner contributions, as shown in Table 3 of the report. The Board requests that the Executive Agency circulate a proposed amendment to Annex G of the Gemini Agreement for approval by correspondence.
12. The Board notes the correspondence from the Embassy of Argentina proposing a schedule of payments over the next 6 month period and accepts the promise of payment. The Board charges the Executive Agency to correspond with Argentina and clarify their expectations for payment of operations. The Board also charges the Executive Agency with verifying the receipts of the initial Argentine payment and if payment is not received, to arrange for the Chair of the Gemini Board to notify Argentina in writing that the remaining Parties consider Argentina to have withdrawn from the Gemini Agreement and that the relevant provisions of Article 5 shall apply. In the event that the Chair sends such a letter, Articles 5 and 16 of the Gemini Agreement should be attached to the letter sent to Argentina.



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13. The Board endorses the proposed policy by the Gemini Observatory to limit the number of visitor instruments available to two on each telescope.

14. The Board requests Drs. Haynes (Chair), Oemler, Richer and Barbuy to form a study group to establish a process for initiating a Gemini Visiting Committee. The group is to 1) develop a charge or scope to the Visiting Committee, and 2) propose a mechanism for establishing the committee and a schedule for meetings and transmit this information to the Chair of the Board and the NSF for transmission to the Board by 15 January.

15. The Gemini Board strongly affirms the need for strong National Project Offices and national communities actively engaged in the exploitation and development of Gemini. These are essential if Gemini is to realize its mission. It would therefore welcome moves to strengthen the national project offices and enhance the engagement of all partner communities in Gemini.

The Board wishes Gemini to collaborate with other organizations when it is cost effective and efficient to do so in order to further Gemini's mission. The Board recognizes that there are considerable opportunities for collaboration with NOAO, and that a level of integration and sharing of common resources should be possible within the umbrella of their AURA management. The Board agrees that a collaboration between Gemini and NOAO could lead to benefits to NOAO and to the US National Project Office for Gemini, and that such collaboration would be beneficial to all concerned.

The Board finds it difficult to believe that Gemini can continue to satisfy its mission and meet the needs of its partners without a committed, full time individual with a clear line of communication with the Board, whose sole responsibility is for the success of Gemini.

16. The Board notes the Observatory's first report on the scientific use of Gemini and commends the Gemini team for their achievement in bringing high quality, calibrated scientific data to the community quickly and responsively.