



GEMINI BOARD
HILO, HAWAII – 13-14 MAY 2008

**Resolutions Arising from the 13-14 May 2008
Gemini Board Meeting**

2008.A.1. The Board noted the progress made on the GNIRS recovery and was pleased to learn that GNIRS is scheduled to be re-commissioned by the end of 2009A. The Observatory is encouraged to complete its aggressive program of recovery.

2008.A.2 . The Board notes the report of the AOC-G and thanks them for their efforts.

2008.A.3. The Board approves the proposed minimum science fraction times of 80% for Gemini North and 70% for Gemini South for 2009A with a goal of 90% for Gemini North and 75% for Gemini South. The decrease of the science fraction of Gemini South enables the commissioning of Flamingos-II and speeds the advancement of MCAO. The Board notes the progress made on the MCAO program and the enthusiasm of the Gemini engineering team in this effort.

2008.A.4. The Board notes the report of the CoDR held of the Gemini DataFlow Project and the Observatory's response to its findings and recommendations. The Board endorses the Observatory's intention to complete the first phase of the data flow software project to cover only a data quality pipeline within the Observatory. The Board will examine the scope and priorities of the complete Data Flow project at the November 2008 Board meeting.

2008.A.5. The Board notes the Gemini Science Conference in Kyoto, Japan, 18-21 May 2009 and thanks Dr. Masahiko Hayashi for his contributions to our discussions of WFMOS and Subaru.

2008.A.6. The Board notes the draft proposal for the time banking policy. The Board takes this into consideration and intends to reach a resolution in November 2008 or sooner.

2005.A.7. The Board discussed, amended, and approved the Charges to the Gemini Visiting Committee and Mid-term Management Review (see Appendix A to the meeting minutes) and notes that this activity will occur in September 2008 and expects a final report to be delivered to the Board in time for its consideration at the November 2008 Board meeting.

2008.A.8. The Board appoints a working group consisting of Drs. Isobel Hook, Meg Urry, and Howard Yee to consider a number of issues connected with the GPI campaign, including such things as: funding models, proprietary periods, partner representation, and



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archive access policies, in consultation with members of the GSC. The Board requests a report from the working group by 31 August for consideration by telecon. The campaign science team solicitation would proceed shortly thereafter by mutual agreement between the Observatory and the Board.

2008.A.9. The Gemini Board approves the final revised 2007 Operations Budget.

2008.A.10. The Gemini Board approves the revised 2008 Operations Budget.

2008.A.11. The Board notes the intention of the UK and Australia to pursue discussions related to the disposition of a portion of the UK time. The Board asked to be kept informed of the status of these discussions.

2008.A.12. The Board adopts the 2008 Aspen contributions. The Board adopts the out year partner contributions to Aspen from 2009-2012. These out year estimates are solely for budgetary planning purposes, and would require future formal partner approvals to Aspen from 2009-2012. These allow for GLAO CoDR and WFMOS PDR and potentially, full construction of WFMOS.

2008.A.13. The Board recommends that the Observatory adopt for planning purposes the continuation of the 2.5% ramp for the interval 2011-2012.

2008.A.14. The Board thanks Mr. Graham Brooks for his two year service on the Gemini Board. His active participation in Board activities, especially through the recent discussions of the UK's continued participation in Gemini, has made a significant contribution to the deliberations of the Board.

2008.A.15. The Board warmly thanks Dr. Claudia Mendes de Oliveira for her 4 years of service to the Gemini Board and to the Gemini community.

2008.A.16. The Board thanks Dr. Eileen Friel for her 8 years of service as the Secretary to the Gemini Board and to the Gemini partnership. Her work on the administration of the Gemini Agreement has helped engender a true sense of Partnership among the international agencies that support Gemini. Her thorough knowledge of the history of the Gemini partnership has greatly aided the Board's deliberations at their scheduled meetings and telecons. Her meticulous attention to detail ensured that the Board was always well prepared with the necessary documentation from the Executive Agency to reach its decisions. Further, her careful editing of the Gemini Minutes and Resolutions constitutes an important element of the history of the Gemini Observatory and a lasting public legacy of her work.