



GEMINI BOARD MEETING
DALLAS, TX – 14-16 MAY 2014

Resolutions Arising from the 14-6 May 2014 Gemini Board Meeting

- 2014.A.1.** The Board welcomes Dan Jaffe to the Board.
- 2014.A.2.** The Board notes the clear financial report and commends the Observatory for achieving expenditures in O&M during 2013 that are within the acceptable 3% variance of the Board-approved budget.
- 2014.A.3.** The Board approves the STAC recommended science time goals for semester 2015A of 93% on Gemini South and 94% on Gemini North.
- 2014.A.4.** The Board welcomes the proposal to add the Korea Astronomy and Space Science Institute (KASI) as a collaborator for 2015. The Executive Agency and the Observatory are directed to conduct negotiation, and to work toward establishing a long-term partnership with KASI, extending beyond 2015. The Board looks forward to this relationship, which will be beneficial to both the Gemini and KASI communities.
- 2014.A.5.** The Observatory may make plans that include the use of funds currently in the FDF beyond Dec 31, 2015.
- 2014.A.6.** Starting at the earliest opportunity, Gemini staff may apply for Gemini observing time through the same mechanisms as members of the US community, both for regular proposals (through the US TAC) and for Large Programs (through the LP TAC).
- 2014.A.7.** Director's Discretionary time will be 5% of the available time, starting in semester 2015A.
- 2014.A.8.** The Board agrees, in principle, to the use of up to 10% of the available science time on Gemini North for a trial of the fast turnaround program, but requests an updated proposal that demonstrates how partner shares will be tracked and how necessary corrections will be implemented to ensure partner balance is maintained. This proposal is welcome before the next face-to-face meeting of the Board.
- 2014.A.9.** A working group has been established to build on the work done by the STAC to enunciate the scientific priorities of the Observatory. The group is composed of Michael Balogh, Edo Berger, Paul Martini, Henry Roe and Markus Kissler-Patig, and is charged with producing a document that describes the Strategic Vision of the Observatory over approximately the next decade. A draft report will be provided to the STAC and Board for review in advance of the November, 2014 meeting.
- 2014.A.10.** The Board agrees with the Observatory's request to make descope choices at this point in the Transition Plan, and to put low priority projects in O&M, FDF, and IDF on hold as necessary to ensure the success of the transition to the post-2015 contribution level.
- 2014.A.11.** The Board welcomes the thoughtful report from the Instrument Procurement working group, and endorses the models laid out therein as promising avenues to obtain competitive new instrumentation for the Observatory. These models, along with the Visitor Instrument program, will allow the Observatory to leverage IDF contributions and maintain a strong development program at a level that is equal to or better than has been attained in recent years. The Gemini Partners plan to continue their cash contributions to the IDF, at a level that will be sufficient to fund a core development team within the Observatory, and to provide seed money for the newly



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proposed procurement mechanisms. To facilitate the new procurement models, the Board notes that in-kind contributions to the IDF from the Parties will be welcomed. The Party allocations of observing time will be adjusted in proportion to the value of the contributions to the Observatory, on a case-by-case basis, with Board approval.

2014.A.12. The Board welcomes the proposed procedure for Gen4#3 acquisition, but is unable to provide sufficient cash contributions to fund it in full. The Observatory is strongly encouraged to define a range of possible science requirements for this instrument, and to engage the instrumentation community to find a way to construct it using one of the alternative models proposed by the Procurement working group.

2014.A.13. The Board notes the STAC report and endorses the recommended development priorities.

2014.A.14. The Board appoints Laerte Sodre to the Gemini-CONICYT fund council, for a term of two years.

2014.A.15. The Board has agreed to extend the term of the current chair, Michael Balogh, through the end of 2015.

2014.A.16. The Board appoints Sylvain Veilleux as Vice-Chair for a term of 18 months.

2014.A.17. The Board agrees to extend the terms of Tom Matheson (by 6 months) and Nathan Smith (by 12 months) on the STAC. The Board appoints Gillian Wilson, Jacob Bean and Sarah Martell to replace outgoing STAC members Debra Fischer, Paul Martini and Karl Glazebrook.

2014.A.18. The Board elects Paul Martini as chair of the STAC for an initial period of one year (renewable for up to 3 years). The Board thanks the outgoing STAC chair, Henry Roe, for his three years of dedicated service.