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NRC SPACE SCIENCE WEEK Committee on Astronomy and Astrophysics

March 7-8, 2013

NAS Building – 2101 Constitution Ave NW – Washington D.C

Thursday, March 7, 2013 (NAS Members Room)

OPEN SESSION

- 8:00 AM** *Room Opens, Breakfast Available (in the meeting room)*
- 9:00 AM** **Welcome** *Paul Schechter & David Spergel, Chairs*
- 9:05 AM** **Update on JWST** *Geoffrey Yoder, NASA*
- 9:20 AM** **NASA current and future activities
FY14 and Beyond Outlook** *Paul Hertz, NASA/SMD*
- 10:00 AM** **Roundtable discussion with NASA
Discussion Topics** *Paul Hertz, Marc Allen,
Others TBD, CAA members*
- Update on decadal priorities
 - Big issues and concerns
 - How the CAA can help NASA
 - Update on the Euclid partnership negotiation
 - Status of WFIRST
 - AFTA study progress
 - Progress of study of other options for astrophysics missions
 - Mid-decadal review for astronomy & astrophysics
 - Status of the Explorer program. Plans for the SMEX and EX selections.
Discussion of the EX category.
 - Balloon program
 - Other issues/concerns
- 11:30 AM** **Report on the NRC Lessons Learned Workshop** *Charlie Kennel, SSB Chair*

12:00 – 1:00 PM **CLOSED SESSION**

OPEN SESSION

- 1:00 PM** **NSF current and future activities
FY14 and Beyond Outlook** *Jim Ulvestad, NSF/AST*
- 1:45 PM** **NSF roundtable discussion
Discussion Topics** *Jim Ulvestad, Others TBD,
DOE representative (see below), CAA members*
- Update on decadal priorities
 - Portfolio Review Committee report and NSF implementation
 - How the CAA can help NSF
 - ALMA update
 - Mid-scale program
 - Grants program
 - GSMT competition
 - Gemini agreement

- The OIR system
- Facility management competition
- LSST status (with DOE representative)
- Mid-decadal review for astronomy & astrophysics
- Other issues/concerns

3:15 PM *Break*

3:30 PM **DOE current and future activities
FY13 and Beyond Outlook**

Jim Siegrist, DOE/HEP

4:00 PM **Roundtable discussion with DOE
Discussion Topics**

*Jim Siegrist, Kathy Turner, Others TBD,
NSF representative (see below), CAA members*

- Big issues and concerns in astronomy & astrophysics
- LSST & MS-DESI (with NSF representative)
- Update on the SNOMASS process
- How the CAA can help DOE
- Other issues/concerns

4:45 PM **General discussion and concluding remarks**

5:30 PM *Adjourn for the day (Dinner on your own)*

Friday, March 8, 2013 (NAS Members Room)
CLOSED SESSION