The Committee on the Assessment of
the NASA Science Mission Directorate 2014 Science Plan

Space Studies Board
National Research Council

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
10-12 September, 2013

Balboa Room
100 Academy Drive

Beckman Center
Irvine, California

Tuesday, 10 September

Closed Session

7:30 a.m.  Meeting Room Opens
(Breakfast available in the Beckman Center Refectory)

8:30 a.m.  Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Review  James Bagian

8:45 a.m.  Introduction to the NRC and Bias Discussion  Michael Moloney

9:45 a.m.  Break

10:00 a.m.  General Discussion of the Committee’s Charge
and the SMD Science Plan  Committee

12:00 p.m.  General Discussion  Committee
(Lunch will be served in the Beckman Center Refectory, committee discussion will continue)

1:00 p.m.  Astronomy and Astrophysics Aspects of the Plan  Marcia Rieke
and Belinda Wilkes

1:30 p.m.  Earth Science Aspects of the Plan  Lennard Fisk, Lee-Lueng Fu
and Steven Wofsy

2:00 p.m.  Planetary Science Aspects of the Plan  Stephen Mackwell
and Meenakshi Wadhwa
2:30 p.m. Solar and Space Physics Aspects of the Plan
Sarah Gibson
and Todd Hoeksema

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Interdisciplinary Aspects and Overall Science Balance
Lennard Fisk

3:45 p.m. Integration of Technology Development
John Klineberg

4:15 p.m. Opportunities for Partnerships and Outreach
James Bagian

4:45 p.m. General Discussion
Committee

5:15 p.m. Activities suspended to reconvene at working dinner

6:00 p.m. Working dinner to discuss committee tasks

Wednesday, 11 September

Closed Session

7:30 a.m. Meeting Room Opens
(Breakfast available in the Beckman Center Refectory)

8:30 a.m. General Discussion and Formulation of Questions for SMD Representatives
Committee

9:45 a.m. Break

Open Session

10:00 a.m. Videoconference with SMD Representatives
Deirdre Jurand et al.
NASA/SMD

12:00 p.m. Committee Discussion
(Lunch will be served in the Beckman Center Refectory, committee discussion will continue)
Committee

Closed Session

1:00 p.m. General Discussion of Videoconference,
Formulation of Draft Conclusions and Recommendations
(Committee splits up into Writing Groups)
Committee

3:00 p.m. Break

3:15 p.m. Writing Groups
Committee
4:15 p.m. Reconvene for Progress Reports from Writing Groups Group Leaders
4:45 p.m. Homework Assignments James Bagian
5:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Thursday, 12 September**

**Closed Session**

7:30 a.m. Meeting Room Opens
(Breakfast available in the Beckman Center Refectory)

8:00 a.m. Reports on Homework Assignments Committee
8:30 a.m. Finalize Conclusions and Recommendations Committee
9:45 a.m. Plan for Finalizing Text of the Report James Bagian
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Writing Groups to Finalize Initial Draft of the Report Committee
12:00 p.m. Adjourn
(Lunch available in the Beckman Center Refectory)

**NOTES**

**Note to Observers:** This meeting is being held to gather information to help the committee conduct its study. This committee will examine the information and material obtained during this, and other public meetings, in an effort to inform its work. Although opinions may be stated and lively discussion may ensue, no conclusions are being drawn at this time and no recommendations will be made. In fact, the committee will deliberate thoroughly before writing its draft report. Moreover, once the draft report is written, it must go through a rigorous review by experts who are anonymous to the committee, and the committee then must respond to this review with appropriate revisions that adequately satisfy the Academy’s Report Review committee and the chair of the NRC before it is considered an NRC report. Therefore, observers who draw conclusions about the committee’s work based on today’s discussions will be doing so prematurely.

Furthermore, individual committee members often engage in discussion and questioning for the specific purpose of probing an issue and sharpening an argument. The comments of any given committee member may not necessarily reflect the position he or she may actually hold on the subject under discussion, to say nothing of that person’s future position as it may evolve in the course of the project. Any inference about an individual’s position regarding findings or recommendations in the final report is therefore also premature.

**Note to Presenters:** If your presentation contains unpublished data, ITAR controlled and/or other sensitive information, please be aware that the open sessions at the meeting may be webcast.
and presentation materials given to the committee will be posted on a publicly accessible website. Please edit your presentations accordingly.

**Beckman Center:** Is located on the campus of the University of California, Irvine. See the following website for more information: [http://www.thebeckmancenter.org/](http://www.thebeckmancenter.org/). Directions can be found at [http://www.thebeckmancenter.org/about/map](http://www.thebeckmancenter.org/about/map).

**Airports:** Orange County/John Wayne Airport (SNA) is about 2 miles from the Beckman Center and 5 miles from the Newport Beach Marriott Hotel. Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) is about 40 miles from the meeting site. Long Beach Airport (LGB) is about 25 miles distant.


**Working Dinner:** The committee will hold a working dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday 10 September at the XXXXXXXXXXX.

**Parking:** There is plenty of free parking at the Beckman Center. There is XXXXX-parking at the Marriott. Is that rental car really necessary? Car pooling is encouraged.

**Directions from the Hotel to the Beckman Center:** For those who wish to drive themselves to the Beckman Center and do not know the way see the following website:

**Directions from the Beckman Center to the Hotel:** For driving directions back to the hotel see the following website: