Tentative Agenda

Minnesota Space Grant Consortium

Affiliate Directors 2020 Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 16, 2020, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Zoom link: <https://umn.zoom.us/j/7261550823>

James’ cell: 651-399-2423

Introductions and audio/video checks {all} 9:00 – 9:10

Updates from the recent (virtual) National Space Grant Directors Meeting, reminder of no-cost extension and spend-down for 2019-2020 (and all earlier) funding, status of subcontract processing for 2020-2021 (AKA “Year 1”), Augmentation for “Years 2 through Year 4”, preview of starting to use “Submittable”, upcoming reports: 6-month report (new – due in December – may include photos but need media releases), OEPM data collection (due in January), APD (due in March), preview of expectations for “Year 2” proposals (due in February, modified match requirement), NASA Center internships, local (possibly-virtual) intercollegiate internships concept

9:10 to 10:10

Break/networking

10:10 to 10:20

What is “good” about these times (and might even persist)? Sharing of “scalable” ideas. Examples from other states: ND SG teacher professional development, AZ SG virtual student symposium, CO SG hands-on workshop (prior to statewide design challenge)

10:20 to 10:40

MnSGC virtual student symposium: discuss date and timing and expectations for affiliates regarding student speakers and attendees (with possible expansion in future years)

10:40 to 11:00

Update on MnSGC challenges: national high-power rocketry (on pause), statewide quadcopter challenge (proceeding with 12 schools). Other national challenges/activities (some modified to be more remote-friendly) currently signing up participants: First Nations Launch, Moon Pod Essay, ROADS on Asteroids, HASP (or BABBSS – local version), Plant the Moon, Lava Tube Robotics, RockOn workshop, eclipse ballooning with MT Space Grant (broad funding pending), GLEE (broad funding pending), etc.

11:00 to 11:15

One-slide affiliate updates (all affiliates – 5 min max)

11:15 to 12:15

Announcements (share more, if you have some)

1. Sign up now (or spread the word) for student challenges still accepting applications – see list above
2. Quadcopter Exploration-Flying Challenge (already started); “mystery course” fly-offs in March, 2021
3. Space Grant Midwest High-Power Rocket Competition on pause: might announce a one-semester (spring 2021) doable-with-limited-contact challenge in Dec. 2020
4. Sverdrup lecture at Augsburg University – spring 2021
5. U of MN BABBSS balloon flights – negotiate with James, potentially in May 2021
6. Academic High-Altitude (Ballooning) Conference – AHAC 2021 – with theme of “All Types of (Uncrewed) Ballooning in Education” (hopefully in person at Iowa State), June 23 – 25, 2021 (with 2 workshop days before)
7. MnSGC exhibit during STEM Day at the MN State Fair, Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021
8. Space Grant National Directors Meeting in Jackson Hole, Wyoming – Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, 2021
9. Organization of eclipse activities for Oct. 14, 2023 (annular eclipse) and Apr. 8, 2024 (total eclipse) – these need not be exclusively ballooning; will involve travel

Other business for future agendas?

12:15 to 12:30

Lunch break (30 minutes)

“Submittable” training session (for main faculty contacts only)

1:00 to 2:00