

SNOPAC Organization /Activity Planning

ABoden – SNOPAC Chair

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Overview & Context

- SNOPAC (*SOFIA NASA Observatory and Program Assessment Council*) was chartered and appointed in early 2015 (AFB invitation letter 24 Feb 2015)
- Original composition: A. Boden, A. Harris, J. Lockman, J. Nousek, D. Weedman (charter calls for “core membership 5–7” members)
- Stated SNOPAC objective is to “to provide assessment of the development and execution of the SOFIA Program by external community members.”

Membership Term & Succession (1 of 2)

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- October SNOPAC meeting council developed and recommended candidate member list to project
- New Member Lisa Storrie-Lombardi appointed late 2016 & joining us for the first time this meeting (welcome & thank you!)
- Original member D. Weedman resigned from SNOPAC late 2016

Membership Term & Succession (2 of 2)

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- Remaining original SNOPAC members (AB, AH, JL, JN) all coming to the end of their “nominal” term Feb 2018.
- Even with addition of LSL, continued SNOPAC succession planning timely; council sense is extending a second invitation would be reasonable (Oct 2016; second individual invited but acceptance status and availability is unclear).
- AB proposal: two of the original four members should rotate off early 2018, two others should (must?) rotate off early 2019.
- SNOPAC Charter foresaw an open process with public solicitations of interest, council selection with project concurrence...

SNOPAC Meetings & Communication

- To date SNOPAC meetings have been held on an “episodic” basis
- The sense of the council is that it would like more regular communication with the project and among itself (Oct 2016 report)
- *I reiterated that sense to incoming PS K. Ennico-Smith (11 Dec 2016)*
- *KES has been responsive & proactive in planning for regular SNOPAC meetings (including this one). Thank you KES!*

Notional: Upcoming SNOPAC (& SIS) Meetings

- Quarterly telecons (notionally May, August, November, with possible ties to specific project milestones)
- Annual face-to-face meetings (e.g. this one, nominally Jan-Feb, potentially tied to larger external/community events like AAS)
- Biannual (?) SOFIA International Summit meetings (separate agenda item)
- Un-vetted AB proposal: SNOPAC rep with observer status at SOFIA Users Group (SUG; Nov 2016 invitation) & reciprocal status to SUG rep

SNOPAC Chair

- SNOPAC initially chaired by A. Harris; uniform gratitude for AH's service
- Presently chaired by myself; anticipate that service to continue through early 2018
- AB proposal: by ~September SNOPAC should identify a chair succession plan (or stage a coup!)
 - Additional proposal: name a vice-chair who would be the next chair designate to facilitate orderly transition