

**SURA® BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
WASHINGTON, DC  
OCTOBER 21, 2009**

Agenda and Attendees List are attached.

**Call to Order and Chair's Report.** Board Chair Jim Siedow called the Fall 2009 meeting of the SURA Board of Trustees to order at 8:40am. Since a quorum had not been established, Dr. Siedow requested the Corporate Secretary to convene a meeting of the Executive Committee to ratify the votes and decisions that represent the sense of the trustees in attendance.

The Chair announced that David Ernst, Vanderbilt University, had been elected Board Vice Chair, and would take office January 1, 2010. Dr. Siedow thanked Carolyn Thoroughgood, University of Delaware, for standing for election. Dr. Siedow acknowledged the Nominating Committee including chair Don Lehman, with Sara Graves, Mohammad Karim, Elizabeth Lawson, Richard Newman, and John Noftsinger, and its efforts to come up with these two strong candidates to stand for election, and for its work to develop the slate of committee chairs.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt the draft minutes of the Spring 2009 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Dr. Siedow reviewed several actions taken by the Executive Committee since the Spring board meeting including: RIF policy and implementation plan, next phase of strategic planning, new and revised corporate policies, 2009 Friend of Science awardee, Finance Committee member, and recommendation to JSA Board to adopt revised charter for JSA Programs Committee.

Motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold the Spring 2010 Board of Trustees and Committee meetings on March 10 & 11, 2010, at Duke University, Durham, NC. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt Resolution 10-04 (on file) electing the corporate officers. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to adopt Resolution 10-06 (on file) electing the slate of committee chairs.

**Report of the President.** SURA President Jerry Draayer reported on the status of each SURA program including: the excellent performance of the Jefferson Lab and its recent 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, at which Secretary Steven Chu was the keynote speaker; SURAgrid and cloud computing initiative; coastal research DCL evolution and funding pursuits; and, energy workshop and JLAMP opportunity. Dr. Draayer reported on the operational status of SURA including its financial picture and strategic planning efforts. Dr. Draayer's report is on file.

**JSA Programs Committee Report.** Committee Chair Stephen Wallace reported that the Committee reviewed its newly approved charter and the responsibilities of the Committee. The Committee discussed the application of the University of Regina for standard SURA membership, and heard reports from: JSA President/JLab Director Hugh Montgomery on the status of JLab (report on file); JLab Users Group Board chair Zein-Eddine Meziani on the status of Users Group activities (report on file); SURA Chief of Strategic Services Elizabeth Lawson on JSA performance on PEMP Goal 4, status of the FY2009 Initiatives Fund Program, and operational status of the SURA Residence Facility (reports on file). The Committee agreed with SURA's recommendation to hold on further action on the Residence Facility renovation and upgrade program until a revised approach could be considered at the Spring 2010 meeting. The Committee discussed the recommendations of the 2010 Initiatives Fund evaluation committee, chaired by Dr. Wallace, and determined to recommend to the JSA owners (SURA and CSC/ATG) the award of \$538K for 27 projects in the FY2010 Program. Motion was made, seconded and passed to recommend to the SURA Council of Presidents the admission of the University of Regina into SURA standard membership. Dr. Wallace's report and the Committee agenda are on file.

**Coastal Research Committee Report.** Committee Chair Carolyn Thoroughgood reported that the Committee heard reports from: the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, including its president Bob Gagorian with Mel Briscoe and Peter Hill, on the status of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force and the opportunities for improved interagency cooperation and coordination (report on file); and, Rich Signell, USGS Woods Hole, on a testbed to advance community coastal modeling (report on file). The Committee discussed strategic planning efforts including SURA's goals for and services to the coastal sciences; the emerging trends and SURA's role that could encompass coastal protection, climate change, ecosystem-based management, marine spatial planning, and increased interest in environmental information; and, funding strategies. The Committee discussed several immediate next steps including the change of its name and expansion of its membership accordingly, assembling of a working group to

plan a workshop to identify key challenges in transformational coastal and environmental research, and the merits of pursuing support from foundations and philanthropic sources. Motion was made, seconded and passed to change the name of the Committee to the Coastal and Environmental Research Committee. Motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt Resolution 10-08 (on file) appointing the members of the Steering Group. Dr. Thoroughgood's report and the Committee's agenda are on file.

**Information Technology Committee Report.** Committee Chair David Lambert reported that the Committee meeting was well attended with informative presentations on: cyber-infrastructure developments by Srini Chari, Cabot managing partner (report *Current Topics in High Performance Computing* on file), Sam Averitt, NC State vice chancellor for IT, SURA Director of IT Initiatives Gary Crane (report *Enabling and Sustaining Campus-to-Campus Cyberinfrastructure* on file); Microsoft's cloud computing initiative by Microsoft VP Dan Reed (report *Research Clouds: Rethinking Cyberinfrastructure* on file); issues in green IT by Bill St. Arnaud, CANARIE chief research officer (report *Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities for R&E Networks* on file); regional broadband plans by Mark Luker, NTIA telecommunications policy specialist (report *Broadband Technology Opportunities Program* on file) and Steve Midgley, FCC director, education sector (report *FCC Broadband Plan* on file). Motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt Resolution 10-07 (on file) appointing the members of the Steering Group. The Committee's agenda is on file.

**Report of the Joint Meeting of the Development Committee and the Relations Committee.** Development Committee Chair David Lee reported that the Committees discussed the energy workshop held in August (report on file) and an alternative energy initiative that might include a follow-on meeting with a broader perspective and engaging more SURA members. The Committees agreed on minor changes proposed by SURA Chief Communications Officer Greg Kubiak to the nomination process for the Distinguished Scientist Award and the schedule leading to the award at the Spring 2010 board meeting. Dr. Lee reported that the Committees heard a report from SURA Senior Advisor Russell Moy on a potential opportunity for SURA's participation with the Savannah River National Lab (report on file). The Committees discussed a potential SURA role in an NSF grant to manage the annual meeting of the National Society of Black Physicists. Dr. Lee presented the following motion to the Board which was seconded and passed: *The Board authorizes SURA management to explore the feasibility of managing the NSBP annual meeting long term and present a plan for doing so to the Executive Committee for approval.* With the appointment of a new Relations Committee chair beginning in FY2010, Dr. Lee reported that the Committees reviewed the proposed charge to the Relations Committee. Motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the Committee charge (as amended – on file). Motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt Resolution 10-09 (on file) appointing the members of the Development Steering Group. Dr. Lee's report and the Committees' agenda are on file.

**Finance Committee Report.** Committee Chair Donald Lehman reported that the Committee discussed the FY2009 year-end financials, FY2008 OMB A-133 audit report which included a clean opinion and no internal control or compliance findings, the 2008 990 tax return and related governance requirements, internal audit review of and recommendations for financial operations, FY2009 investment portfolio performance and the Committee's request for SmithBarney to develop a specific plan for moving forward with a tactical fund to complement/enhance the core strategy. The Committee reviewed SURA's proposed FY2010 operating budget and recommended its approval by the Board subject to the understanding that management would resume the debt reduction plan started in FY2009 with the objective of an orderly pay down of debt that will liquidate the outstanding balance of \$3.65M by February 2011. Motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the proposed FY2010 operating budget, as provisioned in Committee. Dr. Lehman's report, Committee agenda, FY2009 financial report, FY2009 investment portfolio performance report, and the FY2010 proposed budget are on file.

**Speakers.** Microsoft VP for Extreme Computing Dan Reed gave the keynote address to the Board on *Research Clouds: Rethinking Cyberinfrastructure*. Consortium for Ocean Leadership President Bob Gagosian gave the Board a *Status Report on the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force*.

**Chair's Closing Remarks.** Dr. Siedow presented departing Board and Executive Committee members Stephen Wallace and Otis Brown with plaques in appreciation of their service to SURA. Dr. Siedow presented the following motion which was seconded and passed: *The SURA Board of Trustees extends its deep appreciation to Stephen J. Wallace in recognition of 11 years of outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the SURA community.* Dr. Siedow presented the following motion which was seconded and passed: *The SURA Board of Trustees extends its*

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*deep appreciation to Otis B. Brown in recognition of 10 years of outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the SURA community.*

There being no further business, Dr. Siedow adjourned the Fall 2009 SURA Board of Trustees meeting at 12:10pm.

Submitted by:

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Elizabeth L. Lawson  
Corporate Secretary

The SURA Executive Committee voted on the actions taken by the trustees in attendance at the October 21 Board meeting in Washington, DC, and ratified the consensus votes and actions taken at the meeting. A full record of the Executive Committee's decisions is on file.

- Motion 10-02, to adopt draft minutes of Spring 2009 Board meeting. *Passed.*
- Motion 10-03, to hold Spring 2010 Board and Committee meetings at Duke University, Durham, NC, March 10-11, 2010. *Passed.*
- Resolution 10-04, to elect corporate officers. *Passed.*
- Resolution 10-06, to elect slate of committee chairs. *Passed.*
- Motion 10-05, to recommend to the SURA Council of Presidents the election of applicant University of Regina into SURA standard membership. *Passed.*
- Motion 10-12, to change the name of the Coastal Research Committee to the Coastal and Environmental Research Committee. *Passed.*
- Resolution 10-08, to appoint Coastal Research Committee Steering Group members. *Passed.*
- Resolution 10-07, to appoint Information Technology Committee Steering Group members. *Passed.*
- Motion 10-11, to adopt charge for Relations Committee. *Passed.*
- Motion 10-13, to authorize SURA management to explore the feasibility of managing the National Society of Black Physicists annual meeting long term and present a plan for doing so to the Executive Committee for approval. *Passed.*
- Resolution 10-09, to appoint Development Committee Steering Group members. *Passed.*
- Motion 10-10, to adopt proposed FY2010 operating budget. *Passed.*
- Motion 10-14, The SURA Board of Trustees extends its deep appreciation to Stephen J. Wallace in recognition of 11 years of outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the SURA community. *Passed.*
- Motion 10-15, The SURA Board of Trustees extends its deep appreciation to Otis B. Brown in recognition of 10 years of outstanding leadership and dedicated service to the SURA community. *Passed.*

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2009.** *Meeting participants may sign in and pick up briefing materials at the SURA Registration Desk before committee meetings.*

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**JSA Programs Committee, Noon - 5:00pm**

Dr. Stephen Wallace, Chair; Staff liaison: Ms. Elizabeth Lawson

**Coastal Research Committee, Noon - 5:15pm**

Dr. Carolyn Thoroughgood, Chair; Staff liaison: Dr. L. Donelson Wright

**Information Technology Committee, 9:00am - 5:00pm**

Mr. David Lambert, Chair; Staff liaison: Mr. Gary Crane

**Joint Meeting of the Development Committee and the Relations Committee, Noon - 5:00pm**

David Lee, Development Committee Chair; Staff liaisons: Dr. Russell Moy, Development Committee;  
Mr. Greg Kubiak, Relations Committee

**Finance Committee, Noon - 4:30pm**

Dr. Donald Lehman, Chair; Staff liaison: Mr. Peter Bjonerud

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**5:30 Board Reception and Presentation of the 2009 SURA Distinguished Friend of Science Award.  
Host, Dr. Charles Steger, President, Virginia Tech; Chair, SURA Council of Presidents**

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**Wednesday, October 21, 2009**

**7:00am Meeting of the Standing Committee Chairs and Board Officers**

**8:00 Breakfast and Registration.** Sign-in at SURA Registration Desk

**8:30 Call to Order.** Dr. Jim Siedow, Chair; presiding; Dr. Otis Brown, Past Chair; Dr. Jerry Draayer, President & CEO

**Business Meeting**

- Report of the Board Chair
- Report of the President
- Report of the Committees

**10:00 Break**

**10:15 Keynote Speaker, Dr. Dan Reed,** Microsoft, Vice President, Extreme Computing Group

**11:15 Guest Speaker, Dr. Robert Gagosian,** Consortium for Ocean Leadership, President

**11:45 Chair's Closing Remarks**

**Noon Meeting Adjournment and Luncheon**

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Trustees (\*), Extended Committee Members, and Committee Participants

* Mr. J.L. Albert	Georgia State University	InfoTech
Dr. Larry Atkinson (Day 1)	Old Dominion University	Coastal
Mr. Sam Averitt (Day 1)	North Carolina State University	InfoTech
Dr. Roni Avissar (Day 1)	University of Miami	Coastal
Bliss Bailey (Day 1)	Auburn University	InfoTech
Dr. Melbourne Briscoe (Day 1)	Consortium for Ocean Leadership	Coastal
* Dr. Otis Brown, Past Chair	University of Miami	Board Officer
Dr. Srinu Chari (Day 1)	Cabot Partners	InfoTech
Dr. Philip Cole	Idaho State University	JSA Prgs
* Dr. James Coleman (Day 1)	Rice University	Dev/Rels
Dr. Lucien Cremaldi (Day 1)	The University of Mississippi	JSA Prgs
Dr. Gail Dodge (Day 1)	Old Dominion University	JSA Prgs
* Dr. Jerry Draayer	SURA President & CEO	JSA Prgs
* Dr. David Ernst	Vanderbilt University	JSA Prgs
* Dr. Paul Eugenio (Day 1)	Florida State University	JSA Prgs
* Dr. Madilyn Fletcher	University of South Carolina	Coastal
Mr. Larry Flournoy	Texas A&M University	InfoTech
Dr. Ray Fornes	North Carolina State University	Dev/Rels
Dr. Robert Gagorian	Consortium for Ocean Leadership	Coastal
* Dr. Sara Graves	The University of Alabama in Huntsville	InfoTech
Dr. Phil Halstead	Florida LambdaRail	InfoTech
Dr. John Hardy (Day 1)	Texas A&M University	JSA Prgs
Dr. Courtney Harris (Day 1)	College of William and Mary	Coastal
* Dr. Terry Herdman	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	InfoTech
Mr. Peter Hill (Day 1)	Consortium for Ocean Leadership	Coastal
Dr. William Hogue (Day 1)	University of South Carolina	InfoTech
Dr. Marc Hoit (Day 1)	North Carolina State University	InfoTech
Dr. Jeffrey Huskamp (Day 1)	University of Maryland	InfoTech
Dr. Guy Jones	George Washington University	InfoTech
* Dr. Mohammad Karim (Day 1)	Old Dominion University	Finance
* Mr. David Lambert	Georgetown University	InfoTech, Chair
* Dr. David Lee	The University of Georgia	Dev/Rels, Chair
* Dr. Donald Lehman	The George Washington University	Finance, Chair
Dr. Mark Luker (Day 1)	National Telecommunications and Information Admin.	InfoTech
Mr. Zia Mafaher (Day 1)	The Catholic University of America	InfoTech
Dr. Terri Marts	West Virginia University	Dev/Rels
* Dr. June Matthews (Day 1)	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	JSA Prgs
Dr. Zein-Eddine Meziani (Day 1)	Temple University	JSA Prgs
Mr. Steve Midgley (Day 1)	National Broadband Plan, FCC	Info Tech
Dr. Hugh Montgomery (Day 1)	JSA President/JLab Director	JSA Prgs
Mr. Ken Newbold	James Madison University	Dev/Rels
* Dr. Richard Newman	Florida Institute of Technology	InfoTech
* Dr. John Noftsinger	James Madison University	Dev/Rels
Dr. Phillip Parrish (Day 1)	University of Virginia	JSA Prgs
Dr. Carl Pinkert	Auburn University	Dev/Rels
Mr. David Pokorney	University of Florida	InfoTech
Dr. Dan Reed	Microsoft	InfoTech
Dr. Don Riley (Day 1)	University of Maryland	InfoTech

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Dr. David Shealy	The University of Alabama at Birmingham	InfoTech
* Dr. Jim Siedow, Chair	Duke University	Board Officer
Dr. Rich Signell (Day 1)	U.S. Geological Survey	Coastal
* Dr. Daniel Sober	The Catholic University of America	JSA Prgs
Mr. Bill St. Arnaud (Day 1)	CANARIE, Inc.	InfoTech
* Dr. Roger Stough (Day 1)	George Mason University	Finance
Dr. John Suess (Day 1)	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	InfoTech
* Dr. Geoffrey Summers (Day 1)	University of Maryland, Baltimore County	Coastal
Dr. John Sutherland	East Carolina University	JSA Prgs
* Dr. Carolyn Thoroughgood	University of Delaware	Coastal, Chair
* Dr. Isai Urasa	Hampton University	Coastal
* Dr. Stephen Wallace	University of Maryland	JSA Prgs, Chair
Dr. Thomas Weller	University of South Florida	Dev/Rels

**2009 Distinguished Friend of Science Honoree: Mr. Norman Augustine**

Guests

Dr. Charles Steger, President, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Reception host

Dr. Dan Reed, Microsoft, Keynote speaker

Dr. Robert Gagosian, Consortium of Ocean Leadership, Guest speaker

SURA

Dr. Jerry Draayer, President and CEO

Mr. Peter Bjonerud, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Treasurer

Ms. Elizabeth Lawson, Chief of Strategic Services and Corporate Secretary

Mr. Greg Kubiak, Chief Communications Officer

Dr. Russell Moy, Senior Advisor and General Counsel

Ms. Linda Akli, Manager, IT Applications & Outreach

Dr. Luis Bermudez, Technical Manager, Coastal Research

Dr. Joanne Bintz, Senior Manager, Coastal Research Program

Mr. Gary Crane, Director, Information Technology

Mr. John Holly, Staff Support

Mr. Robert Olson, SmithBarney

Mr. Mark Peele, Controller

Ms. A'Fenia Pirtle-Hubbard, Senior Accountant

Dr. Don Riley, IT Fellow

Ms. Janette Stout, Director, Admin/HR Services

Dr. Dali Wang, Manager, IT Infrastructure

Dr. L. Donelson Wright, Director, Coastal Research