MESSAGE FROM THE FRS CHAIR

March and April have been active months for the appropriations process, and we have been active in Congressional communication. The FRS has visited 12 Congressional offices in addition to White House Office of Science and Technology Policy staff to advocate for strong planetary science funding in FY2017. DPS committee members also met with relevant Congressional committee staff to discuss conference travel restrictions. We will continue Congressional outreach though the coming months at opportune times.

The Senate has marked up its version of the Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill, and the House is likely to do the same soon. It’s great to see this key legislation make progress and we will continue to advocate for the appropriations process to go forward in regular order, although it is still highly likely that there will be a continuing resolution through the election.
The Senate bill calls for a low number for planetary science ($1.356 B — http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/cpquery/R?cp114:FLD010:@1(sr239) [1]) and this past week the FRS expressed its disappointment with Congressional staff.

The House number promises to be very strong so that the reconciliation between the bills brings planetary to a healthy level — we need to keep the pressure on! Our ask to Congress has been for a 5% increase over the FY2016 appropriated level; we acknowledge that that is a tough ask for many members of Congress, so we are emphasizing that planetary can be no lower than FY2016, which is $1.631 B.

The Congressional leave-behind materials can be found at the FRS section of the DPS website. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Makenzie Lystrup at dps.frschair@aas.org [2]

LUNAR AND SMALL BODIES GRADUATE CONFERENCE 2016

Abstract Submission Deadline: June 3

Registration is now open for the 7th Annual Lunar and Small Bodies Graduate Conference (LunGradCon 2016) to be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at the NASA Ames Research Center, preceding the NASA Exploration Science Forum (ESF). With the expanded interests of the Solar System Exploration Research Virtual Institute (SSERVI), the scope of this year’s LunGradCon includes both lunar and small bodies science. LunGradCon provides an opportunity for grad students and early-career postdocs to present their research on lunar and small body science in a low-stress, friendly environment, being critiqued only by their
peers. In addition to oral presentations, the conference presents opportunities for professional development and networking with fellow grad students and postdocs, as well as senior members of SSERVI. A limited amount of funding will be provided for travel and lodging costs. The deadline for registration and abstract submission is June 3rd 2016, 11:59 PM PDT.

For more details, please visit:

http://impact.colorado.edu/lungradcon/2016/ [3]

or email any questions to: lungradcon@gmail.com [4]

3---------3---------3---------3---------3---------3---------3---------3---------3---------3

COMETARY SCIENCE AFTER ROSETTA DISCUSSION MEETING

The deadline for poster abstract submissions has been extended to April 29 for the "Cometary science after Rosetta" discussion meeting to be held at the Royal Society in London, UK on June 14-15, 2016. Full details are at: https://royalsociety.org/events/2016/06/cometary-science/ [5]

An accompanying meeting, "Comets after Rosetta" is being held in London, June 16-17. The deadline for talk and poster abstract submission is April 30. Full details are at:


4---------4---------4---------4---------4---------4---------4---------4---------4---------4

NASA PLANETARY SCIENCE FACILITIES REVIEW SUMMARY

NASA’s Planetary Science Division (PSD) is evolving how it deals with
multi-user facilities. As part of this activity, PSD performed a review of currently funded facilities, how they are working, and the extent to which they serve the science needs of the broader planetary community. The summary document from this review, which took place at the end of calendar year 2015, can be found at http://www.lpi.usra.edu/psd-facilities/ [7].

Questions on the Facilities Review may be directed to Doris Daou at doris.daou-1@nasa.gov [8].

JOBS, POSITIONS, OPPORTUNITIES

A) MARS PALEOCIMATE POSTDOC

University of Chicago

Application Deadline : July 15, 2016

https://dps.aas.org/content/mars-paleoclimate-postdoc [9]

Send submissions to:
Anne Verbiscer, DPS Secretary (dpssec@aas.org [10])

To unsubscribe visit http://aas.org/unsubscribe [11] or email unsubscribe@aas.org [12].

To change your address email address@aas.org [13]