



GEMINI BOARD MEETING
LA SERENA, CHILE –14-16 NOVEMBER 2012

Resolutions Arising from the 14-16 November 2012 Gemini Board Meeting

2012.B.1. The Board has executed an Assessment Point in accordance with Article 4 of the International Gemini Agreement. At this Assessment Point, all the Parties except Australia have stated their intentions to remain in the Partnership post-2015. The position of Australia at this time is that it cannot commit funding for the Observatory post-2015, but expresses a desire to remain engaged in Gemini for access to the telescope in a non-party status.

2012.B.2. The Board will work with the Executive Agency to seek potential new Parties.

2012.B.3. The Board notes that at the end of 2012 the UK time balance will be very close to zero. The Board commends the Observatory’s management of this issue over the past few years.

2012.B.4. The Board notes the Operations report and approves the 2013B time fractions as follows: Gemini South minimum: 138 nights, or 75% science time, goal 80%; and Gemini North: 159 nights, or 86% science time, minimum 81%.

2012.B.5. The Board appreciates the AOC-G report and its comprehensive discussion of findings and recommendations.

2012.B.6. The Board thanks the STAC for its report and notes its thoughtful prioritization in items 3.32 through 3.36. The Board endorses this prioritization and directs the Observatory to adhere to these prioritized items.

2012.B.7. The Board commends the Operations re-organization and looks forward to future reports on how the implementation is proceeding.

2012.B.8. The Board approves the Gemini 2013 Budget with the following breakdown.

Operations and Maintenance	\$ 29.934M
Facilities Development Fund	\$ 946M
Instrument Development Fund	\$ 6.270M
Southern Base Facilities Fund	--
Special	--
TOTAL	\$ 37.150M

2012.B.9. The Board commends the Observatory on Transition Plan 2.2. It was well structured and is presented logically and understandably. The post-2015 Observatory structure is well thought out and appears quite suitable. The Board agrees with the Observatory that it is necessary to begin implementation, and particularly, to relieve the uncertainty in the staffing plan as soon as practical. The Board is concerned that some of the savings initiatives related to user services have not been fully prioritized by the user community, and recommends that the initiatives with the highest user impact should be held in reserve until this detailed prioritization is completed. The Board looks forward to a progress report at the May 2013 Board meeting.



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2012.B.10. The Board commends the Observatory on their re-organization and wants to thank the senior management for their tireless efforts to carry out the Transition Plan. The Board especially wants to thank Maxime Boccas for his prioritizing efforts in the Transition Plan.

2012.B.11. The Board discussed the NGO draft agreement at length and concluded that the draft agreement needed more input from the NGOs and the Gemini Users Committee. The Observatory is directed to discuss with the NGOs the draft agreement and how this might be modified to accommodate the concerns of the partners and come back to the Board with a revised agreement.

2012.B.12. The Board endorses the Visitor Instrument Policy proposed by the Observatory with the condition that an additional principle be added to Section 2.1 which references a document specifying compliance to the Observatory's safety and liability policy.

2012.B.13. The Board endorses the Large/Long-term Programs (LLP), and while it encourages all Partners to eventually participate, it recognizes that Brazil, Chile and Hawaii will not participate initially. Argentina, Australia, Canada and the US intend to participate with 20% of their time in a LLP pool. The details of how the Time Allocation Committee (TAC) is constituted and administered will be recommended to the Board by a subcommittee of Board members or their designees from Argentina, Australia, Canada, and the US, as well as Nancy Levenson from Gemini. This subcommittee will submit their recommendation to the Board on or before 15 December, 2012.

2012.B.14. The Board notes the executed MOU between Gemini and Subaru and the time allocations for both parties.

2012.B.15. The Board elected a new Chair, Michael Balogh and Vice Chair, Karl Gebhardt.

2012.B.16. The Board welcomes Dr. Stuart Wyithe as the new representative from Australia.

2012.B.17. The Board notes with regret that this is the last meeting with the UK members. The Board thanks the current members Colin Vincent and Chris Conelice for their service and support of the Gemini Observatory.

2012.B.18. The Board thanks Dr. Larry Ramsey for his service on the Gemini Board, especially as Chair for the past three years. His active and forward looking leadership and his sound management skills helped guide the Board and the Observatory through a challenging period.

2012.B.19. The Board thanks departing US members, Drs. René Walterbos and You-Hua Chu for their service on the Board during this critical period for Gemini.

Additional Resolutions (approved by the Board in response to a Memo from the Observatory Director on December 5, 2012).

2012.B.20. The Board approved the transfer of the Hawaii-2RG engineering grade detector to the University of Florida. While Gemini was procuring the science grade device, UF loaned



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an engineering-grade array to Gemini during fabrication. UF needs a replacement four-quadrant device for one of their projects to be installed in Spain at the GTC. Gemini no longer has a need for this array, even as a spare.

2012.B.21. The Board agreed to include the Si:As detector in Michelle as part of the instrument package when it is returned to UKIRT. In the future Michelle will neither be offered as a facility instrument, nor used in a visiting campaign mode. Without Michelle in operation at the Observatory, Gemini has no need for this array, even as a spare.