



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AMERICAN ASTRONAUTICAL SOCIETY (AAS) AND STUDENTS FOR THE EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF SPACE (SEDS-USA)

I. PREAMBLE

American Astronautical Society (AAS) and Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (SEDS-USA),

Recalling that the AAS mission is to strengthen the space community, influence the development of space policy, promote international dialogue on space activities, and inspire students to undertake space-related careers, and

Recalling that the SEDS mission is to promote the exploration and development of space by educating people about the benefits of space, by supporting a network of interested students, by providing an opportunity for members to develop their leadership skills, and by inspiring people through involvement in space-related projects,

Have agreed that it is in the best interests of the two organizations to collaborate towards their common goals of education and public awareness in space and space-related fields.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as the "MOU") is to provide a set of general guidelines under which the cooperative relationship between AAS and SEDS-USA (together hereinafter referred to as the "Parties") will be implemented. Separate arrangements for specific activities to be undertaken under this MOU detailing content, responsibilities, funding, and any other provision may be entered into as necessary and appropriate.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

AAS will use its best efforts to:

- Encourage its members to work with the SEDS-USA chapters;
- Offer half-price student memberships in the AAS to any SEDS-USA member;
- Offer half-price regular memberships to SEDS-USA members who apply for a regular AAS membership during the first year following their graduation;
- Help find local lecturers on various space-related topics for SEDS-USA chapter meetings; and
- Provide a link to the web site of SEDS-USA on its web site.

SEDS-USA will use its best efforts to:

- Encourage its members to join AAS;
- Encourage its members to participate in AAS conferences and meetings;
- Use its outreach mechanisms to promote AAS, particularly the AAS annual scholarships to the International Space University (ISU);
- Arrange for SEDS-USA chapters to organize, advertise and conduct meetings on space-related topics for SEDS-USA members and others in the university communities; and
- Provide a link to the web site of AAS on its web site.

IV. FUNDING

Except as otherwise agreed, AAS and SEDS-USA will each bear the costs of conducting their respective activities under this MOU. Obligations of AAS and SEDS-USA pursuant to this MOU are subject to their respective funding procedures and the availability of funds and/or other resources.

V. DURATION, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

This MOU will enter into force upon signature of the Parties and will remain in force for five years. It will be automatically renewed for further five-year periods unless either Party decides to terminate it. It may be terminated at any time upon a written notice of six months by either Party. This MOU may be amended at any time by written agreement of the two Parties.

Jonathan T. Malay, President
Date:

Joshua Neubert, Chairman

Date: 11/11/04

For SEDS-USA