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NASA Advisory Committee Changes

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NASA Advisory Committees

New NASA Advisory Council (NAC)

- New Charter signed by Administrator Bolden on October 26
 - Number of NAC members reduced from 35 to ~12 (officially “10 to 20”)
 - Chairs of 9 NAC committees and 2 *ex officio* members (Space Studies Board and Aeronautics and Space Engineering Board chairs) will be members of the NAC
 - At large members may be added by NASA Administrator
 - New/revised NAC committees include:
 - Commercial Space, Education & Public Outreach, Information Technology, Technology & Innovation
- (Re)organizational meeting of NAC held October 29 at ARC
 - Dr. Ken Ford re-appointed as NAC Chair
 - Diane Rausch serving as Acting Executive Director of NAC
 - Next meeting scheduled for February 18-19, in DC

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New NAC Science Committee

- First meeting scheduled for February 9-10, at NASA Headquarters
- Formal Terms of Reference under review
- Science Committee to be 12-15 members, when fully staffed (was 6 previously)
 - New Chair is Dr. Wes Huntress
 - Membership will include mix of returning and new members, all appointed formally by the Administrator
 - Chairs of science subcommittees will routinely be members of new Science Committee
- Subcommittees expected to operate as before, except members will be appointed by AA/SMD following consultation with NASA Administrator
 - Several Subcommittee appointments were put on hold while new NAC Charter was being finalized (with this new appointment scheme); SMD is working with OER to process this backlog of appointments