

CAPTEM Summary Fall 2013

Revisions to CAPTEM's Charter are being made that will more explicitly explain how each subcommittee reviews and recommends allocations of samples. Revisions will also reflect the pending inclusion of the Meteorite Working Group. CAPTEM is preparing to carry out an inspection of the Lunar sample facilities this Spring to address whether curation and handling procedures match advances in analytical science, particularly in terms of specific elements and isotope systems that were not commonly analyzed in the past. An ad hoc Contamination Cleanliness task force will be formed and chaired by Dimitri Papanastassiou, chair of the Facilities subcommittee. The new online Forum for Community Feedback reflects a work in progress. Feedback or suggestions for how to provide more meaningful feedback to CAPTEM are welcome (see feedback link below). Much needed updates to the CAPTEM webpage have been made and more are in progress.

Allocations since last meeting for Cosmic Dust include 64 particles; for Genesis include 8 samples and 6 reference materials; and a record number of 465 Lunar samples. The Meteorite Working Group subcommittee had to cancel its planned request review meeting because of the government shutdown, and therefore allocation awards may be delayed. The Lunar subcommittee had to convene via telecom to make its allocation recommendations, also because of the shutdown.

As of January 2014 CAPTEM membership changes will include the departure of Justin Haggerty and Steven Symes and the addition of Juliane Gross and Jeff Taylor to the Lunar subcommittee. Larry Nyquist will replace Andy Davis as CAPTEM member and Chair of the GENESIS subcommittee. Andrew Westphal will be reappointed as CAPTEM member and Chair of the Stardust and Informatics subcommittees. Once the merger with the Meteorite Working Group is finalized, Conel Alexander will be appointed as CAPTEM member and Chair of the MWG subcommittee. Curation personnel changes include the departure of Angela Green and new employees Marc Fries (Civil Servant), Charis Krysher, Jeremy Kent, and Emil Krnavek.