

OPAG Newsletter
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Dear Colleagues,

We will be holding an OPAG townhall meeting at the DPS this year. The townhall will be Thursday from noon to 1:30 pm. The topic of the townhall will be to get your feedback on the new OPAG science goals document.

A draft of the new OPAG science goals document is posted on the OPAG website homepage: <http://www.lpi.usra.edu/opag/>. As we discussed at the last OPAG meeting, this draft has been pulled together by the OPAG steering committee to give us a starting point. We'd now like to get your input, comments and feedback. Thank you to our colleagues who have already responded!

We have set up an email alias to make it easy to send your comments to the committee:
opag-committee@lists.hou.usra.edu

Also of interest to this community is the last RPS provisioning study, posted at [http://www.lpi.usra.edu/PSD-RPS/RPS-Provisioning-Study-Cassani-Report-May 2001.pdf](http://www.lpi.usra.edu/PSD-RPS/RPS-Provisioning-Study-Cassani-Report-May%2001.pdf). Though events of the last 13 years have changed the environment this report still gives valuable insight into the issues surrounding RPS power systems. For example, Appendix O provides insight into the evolution of funding arrangements up to that time. The latter has, of course, evolved yet again with the language of the FY14 budget, which transferred responsibility of infrastructure costs to NASA. DPS members who are interested in RPS power will find this document and the others on the PSD-RPS website (lpi.usra.edu/PSD-RPS) to be helpful context for understanding ongoing discussions.

Finally, we have decided on the date for the next OPAG meeting: it will take place 19-20 February 2015, at Ames. Please mark your calendars!

Thanks,
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