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From the Chair

Happy Holidays everyone! I hope you all are having a relaxing winter break and gearing up for spring! I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on our national goals and projects for this year.

After much discussion, the overall direction of 2006-07 will be to fulfill the following objectives:

1. Get the name "SEDS" out in the world. We seek to do this by improving our reputation with students, the space industry and other organizations. We want SEDS to be well known and respected by the individuals and groups of people at the top of the industry as well as students just beginning their interests in space. Most of the Directors are working on projects in this field.
2. Increase Fundraising. In order for our organization to be successful in its mission, we drastically need to increase our fundraising efforts. We are seeking new and improved ways to raise money to complete our special projects, increase educational outreach and grow the organization. We want to be able to send as many SEDS members as possible to our National Conference and other space conferences. We believe that the most valuable insight is achieved when SEDS members meet each other in person and work together. The professional setting of space conferences is an ideal place to do this.
3. Expand the list of chapters, maintain current membership, and provide the opportunities, projects, events and services that the local chapters of SEDS want from Nationals. We strive to keep our members happy by providing online tools to make the management of their own chapters easier and more efficient. We desire to keep all of our members informed on upcoming conferences, internships and job opportunities by providing easy-to-access lists, news feed and a possible job board. Keeping our website highly functional and up to date with current events is the best way to initiate this and we are well underway. Also, we want to provide the opportunity for individual chapters and members to participate nationally as much as they can. We plan on doing this through a series of low budget, high-profile projects such as the "They Were There" research project.

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Below I have listed the secondary projects and goals that we will be focusing on for the upcoming year. Most projects will fit into more than one of the above national goals for 2006-2007.

- SEDS Zero-G Experimental Flights
- Fundraising Effort
- Alumni Database
- Board of Advisors
- SEDS History Project
- Educational Outreach
- Conference Attendance
- Website Re-Vamp
- National Conference hosted at MIT
- They Were There and other research papers
- NASA Means Business Team
- SEDS-SatV Satellite (tentative)
- SEDS Space Art Contest
- Monthly NOVA Newsletter
- Establish Non-Profit Status
- Organization Recruitment
- Awards
- Improved Inter-Chapter Communication Plan

If you have any questions for the Board, please contact me or any respective Director. A list of the Directors and their contact information can be found here: <http://www.seds.org/board.php>

From the Editor's Desk

Welcome to a New Year and a New Nova

Let me be the first to welcome everybody to a new year: The year of SEDS! This year will be a year of development and growth for the organization and here at the *Nova* will be no exception. The staff and I here at the *Nova* plan to make the newsletter into something so much more. A couple of planned improvements as well as additions to current features will be added over the coming months. A few of the things we are planning:

- Publishing a new *Nova* every month.
- Become a nexus to track progress of specific projects each chapter is focusing on.
- Foster communications between the individual chapters.
- Bring relevant industry news and events to you, the members.

If there is anything else any member would like to see in the *Nova* or just an idea for a story, email us at publications@seds.org.

Let's make this a fantastic year. Let's make it the Year of SEDS!

Conference Opportunities

1. 45TH AAS GODDARD MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM

Date: March 20-21, 2007

Location: Adelphi, Maryland

(University of Maryland University College)

Website: <http://www.astronautical.org/>

For Info: 703-866-0020

2. YURI'S NIGHT WORLD SPACE PARTY

Date: April 12, 2007

Location: Your Hometown!

Register your party today!

Website: <http://www.yurisnight.net>

For info, contact Loretta Hidalgo at

loretta@yurisnight.net

Discounts: no charge for attendance

3. NSS INTERNATIONAL SPACE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Date: May 24-28, 2007

Location: Dallas, Texas

Website: <http://isdc.nss.org/2006/>

For Info: (202) 429-1600

4. SPACE FRONTIER FOUNDATION'S NEWSpace CONFERENCE

(Former *Return to the Moon Conference*)

Date: July 18-21, 2007

Location: Washington DC

Website: <http://www.space-frontier.org/>

Projects/

Moon

For Info: krukin@spacefrontierfoundation.org

5. MARS SOCIETY CONFERENCE

Date: August 30-September 2, 2007

Location: Los Angeles, CA (University of California)

Website: <http://www.marssociety.org/convention/2006/>

For Info: MarsSocInfo@aol.com

6. X-PRIZE CUP

Date: mid-October, 2007

Location: Las Cruces, New Mexico

Website: <http://www.xpcup.com/index.cfm>

For Info: (323) 957-0729

Discounts: Volunteer Opportunities Available

Volunteers get free admission

7. PRO SPACE'S MARCH STORM

Date: March 3-7, 2007

Location: Washington DC

Website: <http://www.prospace.org/>

For Info: fjohnson@arachnerd.com

8. IEEE AEROSPACE CONFERENCE

Date: March 3-10, 2007

Location: Big Sky, MT

Website: <http://www.aeroconf.org/>

For Info: david.f.woerner@jpl.nasa.gov

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