

# 2009 Annual Report

## National Space Society

## **Our Mission**

To promote social, economic, technological, and political change in order to expand civilization beyond Earth, to settle space and to use the resulting resources to build a hopeful and prosperous future for humanity. Accordingly, we support steps toward this goal, including human spaceflight, commercial space development, space exploration, space applications, space resource utilization, robotic precursors, defense against asteroids, relevant science, and space settlement oriented education.

## **Our Vision**

People living and working in thriving communities beyond the Earth, and the use of the vast resources of space for the dramatic betterment of humanity.

## A message from the Executive Director



The National Space Society stands on the precipice of change. As our vision and mission as an organization comes ever more acutely in focus, as the challenges we collectively face as a species mount -- the question of the relevance of space to providing for the future ceases to be one of abstract debate. We are at a time where we as individuals and as a Society not only can do something, indeed we must do something or necessarily cede the options for the future to unknown.

What can we do?

- We can educate,
- We can frame and inform the discussions of the moment,
- We can grow the community of interest,
- We can foster cooperation, and
- We can engage at all levels to help make things happen.

In practical terms, we must bring together the resources necessary to make all this possible. We must grow the size of NSS. We must improve the value we deliver to our membership. We must embolden the community of donors and sponsors. We must make cooperating with NSS invaluable. We must be about making things happen.

In the coming year, the Space Ambassadors Program will be up and running in earnest. The Legislative Blitz will face a high profile reconciliation of Congressional authorization versus appropriates for Human Space Flight Programs. The news of commercial space endeavors will continue to redefine what is perceived to be economically possible. Space Based Solar Power initiatives will cross into national and international politics. The reinvention of NASA as a technological forge for our tomorrows may be at hand. A host of other new initiatives will likely emerge from NSS and the space community's efforts.

Our time is now. We must seize the moment. We must rise to the challenge of making a tangible difference, first in the perspective we offer, then in the value that results from space endeavors being factored in as an integral part of providing for the future, and ultimately in the new real wealth that results from our vision of "People living and working in thriving communities beyond the Earth, and the use of the vast resources of space for the dramatic betterment of humanity."

Ad Astra,



Gary Barnhard, NSS Executive Director

## 2009 Major Program Highlights and Accomplishments



### Conferences

NSS hosted the **28<sup>th</sup> International Space Development Conference** in Orlando, Florida, educating and fostering the collaboration of ideas within the space community. NSS also co-sponsored the Space Investment Summit 6 (SIS-6) and the Space Investment Summit 7 (SIS-7).

### Publications

NSS published another four issues of the award winning publication **Ad Astra** and celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. NSS also published another twelve issues of the monthly electronic newsletter, **NSS Downlink**.

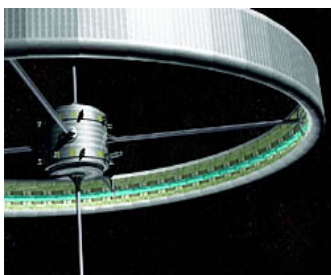


### Policy

NSS conducted its 2009 Legislative Blitz on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, meeting with over 100 congressional offices. NSS also maintained a Political Action Network for stimulating responses to policy issues related to the goals of NSS.

### Space Ambassadors Program

NSS launched its highly anticipated Space Ambassadors Program. The Space Ambassadors Program will encourage space enthusiasts to communicate the value of space research and exploration to their local communities.



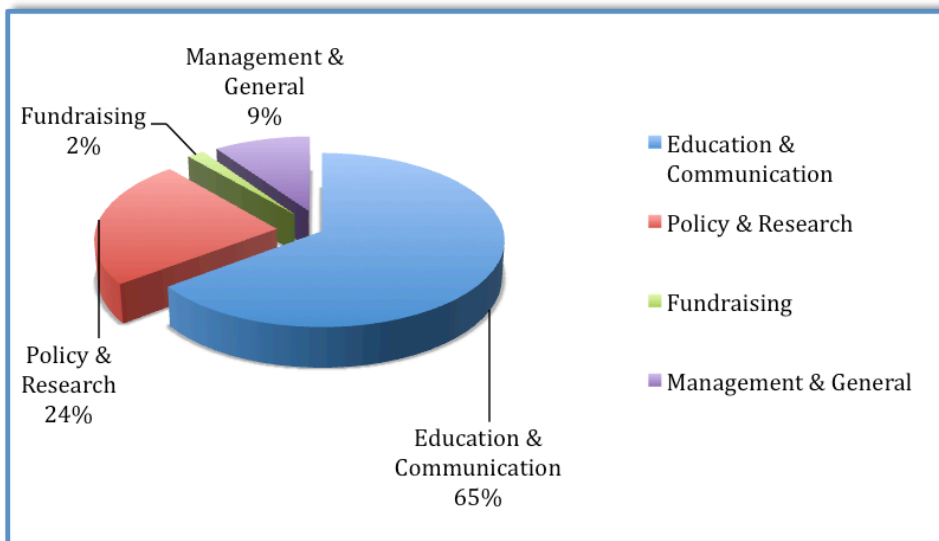
### Space Contests and Awards

NASA Ames Research Center in conjunction with the National Space Society conducted its annual space settlement design contest for 6-12th grade students. In 2009 NSS established Bruce M. Clark, Jr., Memorial Scholarship, which will start in 2010. The top individual entry will receive an extra award of \$2,000 by the NSS. NSS also honors individuals and groups who have made significant contributions consistent with the Society's mission of creating a spacefaring civilization. These include the NSS Awards for Excellence for individual volunteer efforts in service to the Society, the Space Activist of the Year Award, and the NSS Chapters Awards.

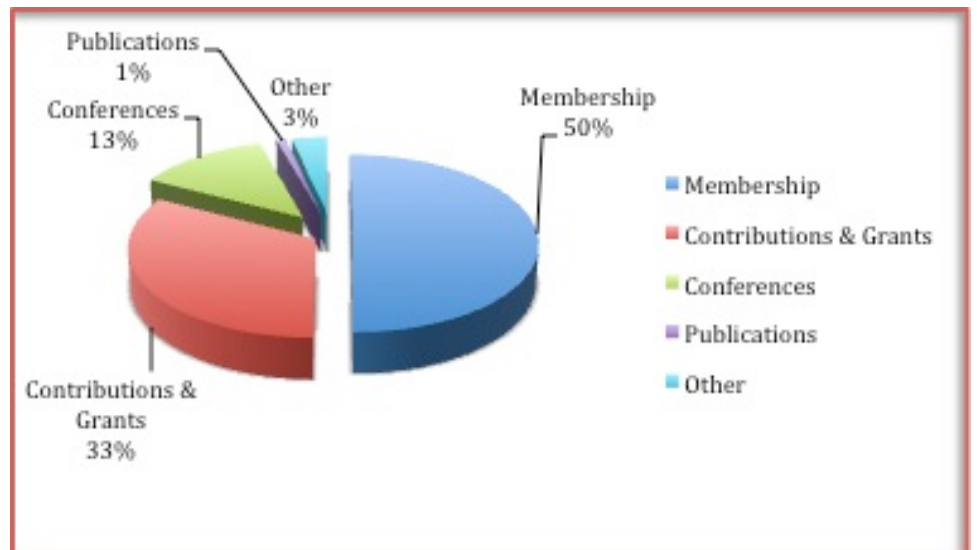
# Financial Summary

The 2009 NSS independent auditor report, complete set of financial statements, and our annual 990 filing to the IRS can be obtained online at [nss.org/docs/finance](http://nss.org/docs/finance) or by calling our headquarter office at 202-429-1600. The charts below detail our programmatic efficiency and source of funds followed by a financial summary of our activities for the year ending December 31, 2009.

## Programmatic Efficiency



## Sources of Funds



## Summary of Financial Activity for the Year Ending December 31, 2009

<b>Revenues</b>		
Membership	\$416,803.00	50%
Contributions & Grants	\$271,633.00	33%
Conferences	\$107,145.00	13%
Publications	\$7,935.00	1%
Other	\$28,736.00	3%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$832,252.00</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Expenses</b>		
Program Expenses		
Education & Communication	\$544,290	65%
Policy & Research	\$201,695	24%
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$745,985</b>	<b>89%</b>

<b>Supporting Services</b>		
Fundraising	\$14,688	2%
Management & General	\$81,194	10%
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>\$95,882</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$841,867</b>	<b>100%</b>

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$ (9,615.00)
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$226,694.00
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$217,079.00</b>

Please visit [nss.org/docs/finance](http://nss.org/docs/finance) for complete set of financial statements.

# NSS Leadership

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