

2014 Annual Report

National Space Society

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.

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.

A message from the Senior Vice President

The past decade has seen a dramatic increase in the pace and scope of space activity. From the award winning flight of Space Ship 1 that brought home the \$ 10 million Ansari X Prize in 2004 to the recent commercial flights of the Dragon and Cygnus capsules to the ISS this has been a decade of remarkable achievement. The National Space Society has been a tireless and vocal advocate for this change. With this increasing pace of space accomplishment our vision and mission as an organization comes ever closer to becoming a reality. There is still a great deal of work to do and hurdles to be overcome but the days of just dreaming about space are behind us and the time for bold action is at hand. The challenges we collectively face as a species mount have never been greater but the vital role that space can play in addressing these challenges has never been clearer. Now is the time for all of us individually and collectively as a Society to make our voices heard and recommit ourselves to achieving the Vision and Mission that we set for ourselves over 2 ½ decades ago. What can we do?

- We can educate,
- We can advocate,
- We can spread the word far and wide, and
- We can lead.

In practical terms, we must bring together the resources necessary to make all this possible. We must grow the NSS. We must improve the value we deliver to our membership and to the space community. We must mobilize and revitalize our community of donors and sponsors. We must step forward and reassert our leadership in opening up the Solar System to human civilization.

In the coming year, the March Storm and Legislative Blitz will advocate Congressional authorization and appropriations for a truly effective space program that will ensure American leadership in space for decades to come. The remarkable commercial space progress of recent years will continue to revolutionize what is perceived to be economically possible. Space Based Solar Power initiatives will continue to gain in visibility both nationally and internationally. The reinvention of NASA as a technological forge that provides the advanced technology the will enable our tomorrows may be at hand. A host of other new initiatives, companies and commercial markets 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,

Bruce Pittman NSS Senior Vice President

2014 Major Program Highlights and Accomplishments

Conferences

NSS hosted the **33rd International Space Development Conference** in Los Angeles, California, educating and fostering the collaboration of ideas within the space community. The St. Louis chapter of NSS also hosted a regional conference, **Gateway To Space Conference 2014**.

Publications

NSS published four issues of the award winning publication **Ad Astra** and celebrated its 26th anniversary. NSS also published twelve issues of the monthly electronic newsletter, **NSS Downlink**. It also hosted the multi-decade archive of the monthly **Moon Miners' Manifesto** newsletter dedicated to Lunar development. NSS also hosted the quarterly journal, **To The Stars International Quarterly**.

Policy

NSS conducted its 2014 Legislative Blitz on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, meeting with several congressional offices. In August, NSS members also visited congressional offices in their districts in the August Home District Blitz. NSS also maintained a Political Action Network for stimulating responses to policy issues related to the goals of NSS. NSS also produced white papers on NASA's commercial crew budget and decision, U.S. dependence on Russian space technology, the National Research Council report on human spaceflight.

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. NSS also held a space settlement student art contest. 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 von Braun Award, the Arthur C. Clarke Award, the Space Pioneer Awards, NSS Awards for Excellence for individual volunteer efforts in service to the Society, the Space Activist of the Year Award, the NSS Chapter of the Year Award, and Chapter Excellence Awards.

New Projects

In June of this year the NSS Executive Committee approved the **Enterprise in Space** Project. The goal of this project is to send a spacecraft to low earth orbit loaded with over 100 student experiments and then to safely return this cart to Earth. The project will be developing plans to fund, design, build, test, launch, operate and recover a space the spacecraft. After the flight the spacecraft will go on a world wide tour to inspire young people of all nations.

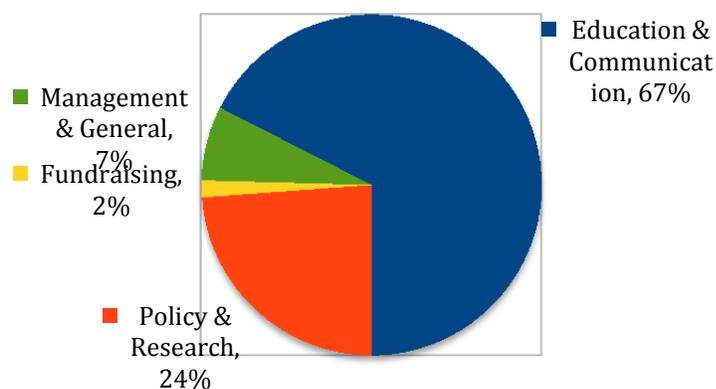
Affiliates

NSS worked with its affiliate organizations to make progress on a variety of fronts.

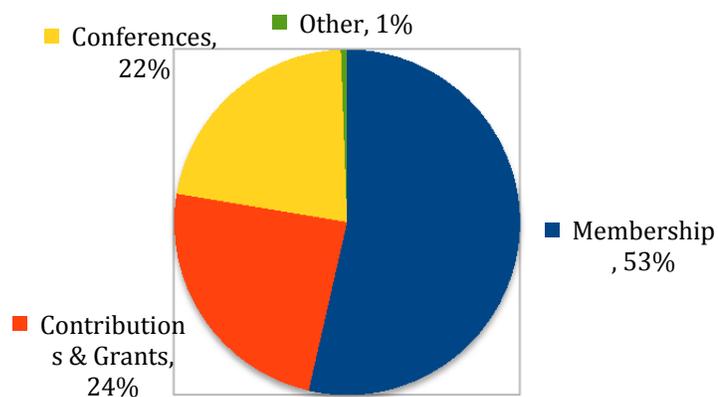
Financial Summary

The 2014 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 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, 2014.

Programmatic Efficiency



Sources of Funds



Summary of Financial Activity for the Year Ending December 31, 2014

Revenues	
Membership	\$333,028.00 49%
Contributions & Grants	\$149,586.00 22%
Conferences	\$135,401.00 20%
Publications	\$71.00 0%
Other	\$3,616.00 0%
Total Revenues	\$681,443.00 100%
Expenses	
	Program Expenses
Education & Communication	\$440,720 65%
Policy & Research	\$156,052 23%
Total Program Expenses	\$596,772 88%
Supporting Services	
	Fundraising
	\$10,528 2%
	Management & General
	\$46,127 7%
Total Supporting Services	\$56,655 8%
Total Expenses	\$653,427 96%
	Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets
	\$28,016.00
	Net Assets at Beginning of Year
	\$118,937.00
Net Assets at End of Year	\$146,953.00

Please visit nss.org/docs/finance for complete set of financial statements.

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