

# Meeting for NYAC Telescope Proposal

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# Agenda

- Update (O'Dea)
- Presentation of three groups submitting letters of intent (Crotts, Lloyd, Baum/Sebring) 15+5 min
- Discussion of Review Process for White Papers Telescope (All)

# Update

- Oct 2008, NYAC board re-energizes effort for NY Telescope
- Jan 2009, Call for Participation Issued
- April 2009, Kickoff Meeting at ASNY/RIT
- Process Outlined
- Summer 2009, Email Discussions – Agreement on Process

# Update (continued)

- Oct 2009, Telescope Committee (TC) Selected (Stefi Baum, RIT, Chair), Steve Lawrence (Hofstra), Dan Watson (U of R). Jamie Lloyd (Cornell) joined later.
- Jan 2010, the TC released a survey to determine science drivers and desired telescope properties
- April 2010, Stefi reported on the survey results at the ASNY meeting at Colgate.
  - General purpose optical/near-IR telescope
  - Broad range of science goals
  - Support faculty, postdoc, PhD student research

# Update (continued)

- July 2010, TC submitted call for white papers to board for approval
- Aug 2010, Call for White Papers approved by the Board
  - Oct 1, 2010 – Letter of Intent
  - Jan 10, 2011 – ten page White Paper
- Aug 2010, Call for White Papers Released.
- Three Letters of Intent Received
  - Baum et al. “Between LSST and the Thirty Meter Telescope”
  - Crofts et al “ALPACA as the NY State Telescope”
  - Lloyd et al. “A New York State Partnership with the Gemini Observatory

# White Paper Review Committee

- 10 page White Papers are Due Jan 10.
- We need to set up a committee to review the white papers
- Committee should discuss the merits of the papers and how responsive they are to the requirements set out in the Call.
- The NYAC Board of Directors will make the decision on how to proceed.

# Who Should Be on the Review Committee?

- How many people?
- What sorts of expertise?
- Committee doesn't need to look like the Board of Directors since the committee will report to the Board
- Need to avoid direct conflict of interest.

# Strawman Committee

- 2 from NYAC Associate Members
- 1 from Large R1 University
- 1 from a State University
- 1 from NY Industry
- 1 with NY Gov experience (e.g., retired politician, lobbyist, college development office)
- 2 External to NY
  - Science pundit
  - Telescope/Instrument Pundit



