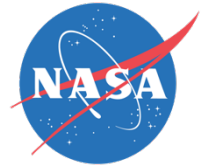


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Reply to Attn of: SMD/Astrophysics Division

SUBJECT: Appointment Memorandum – Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope Science Interest Group

Following the transition to implementation phase, NASA decided to instantiate a group to assist in ensuring that the interests of the scientific community are served by the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope (hereafter *Roman*) project in planning for and executing *Roman* development and operations. To this end, NASA is forming the *Roman* Science Interest Group (RSIG).

A Dear Colleague Letter soliciting nominations and self-nominations for the RSIG was issued on April 27, 2020 with a due date of May 29, 2020, distributed to multiple email lists and available at https://roman.gsfc.nasa.gov/science/rsig_letter_2020.html. (At the time of solicitation, *Roman* was known as the Wide Field Infrared Survey Telescope, or WFIRST). A total of 102 applications from or nominations of individuals at a variety of research and academic institutions, government laboratories, and industry, and from private individuals, were received. The applications reflected a broad swath of skills and expertise, institutions, and a diversity of geographical distribution, gender, and professional career stages.

The applications were reviewed by the *Roman* Project Scientists at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center and *Roman* Program Scientists at NASA Headquarters. The consideration process took into account factors including relevant expertise, breadth of perspective, professional experience, and representation of the scientific community. Selection recommendations were made to the NASA Headquarters Astrophysics Division Director.

The following individuals are appointed to serve for one-year terms as member of the *Roman* Science Interest Group from July 2020 to July 2021.

Members of the RSIG

Prof. Megan Donahue, Chair	Michigan State University
Prof. Željko Ivesić	University of Washington
Prof. Jessica Lu	University of California, Berkeley
Dr. John MacKenty	Space Telescope Science Institute
Dr. Ashley Villar	Columbia University / Flatiron Institute
Prof. Alice Shapley	University of California, Los Angeles
Prof. Keith Bechtol	University of Wisconsin, Madison
Prof. Saurabh Jha	Rutgers University
Prof. Peter Melchior	Princeton University
Dr. Dara Norman	National Optical-Infrared Astronomy Research Laboratory
Dr. Jessie Christiansen	NASA Exoplanet Science Institute / Caltech
Prof. Rachael Bean	Cornell University
Prof. Ryan Hickox	Dartmouth College
Dr. Lisa Storrie-Lombardi	Las Cumbres Observatory
Prof. Dimitri Mawet	Caltech

Observers of the RSIG

Prof. David Spergel	Princeton University / Flatiron Institute
Prof. N. Jeremy Kasdin	University of San Francisco
Dr. Roeland van der Marel	Space Telescope Science Institute
Dr. Lee Armus	Infrared Processing and Analysis Center

All the members of the RSIG will serve for a one-year period or until the group is dissolved by NASA, at NASA's discretion. In 2021, NASA anticipates issuing a successive opportunity to refresh members of the RSIG, with the expectation of continuation of terms of a fraction of the present members.

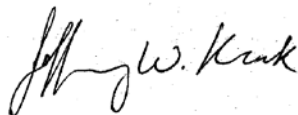


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