

ANASAC Meeting: Charges and Agenda

Charges

Standing Charge 1. The ANASAC has a standing charge to review the latest ASAC charges, and provide input to the ASAC members.

Standing Charge 2: Help organize the NAASC Science Workshops

Charges for face-to-face meeting:

1. Please review the key recommendations that were made to the NAASC by the panel which reviewed the FY2012-2016 NA ALMA Operations proposal to the NSF, and provide guidance on behalf of the community on the importance and priority of these recommendations. Specifically:
 - a. What balance should NAASC seek between “managing the expectations of the user community” for Early Science (ES) and raising interest in ALMA amongst non-expert users?
 - b. How should NAASC define the scope of data re-processing capabilities, which the panel has put at a high priority? What services can NAASC cut to accommodate increased data processing services and advanced algorithm development?
2. Continue to monitor the readiness of the ALMA software systems and the NAASC user support services. ANASAC should examine the capabilities of the latest release of CASA and the Observing Tool, and the NAASC web-based outreach/education services, and comment on their readiness for the start of Early Science.
3. Comment on the process and status on the definition of the ALMA Development activities within the NA community (US, Canada and Taiwan) and on how to promote a strong NA development program within the international context.
4. “ALMA Users Grant Program”: As the NSF will likely only support ALMA research under its PI grants program, what further recommendations can be made to suggest to improve the efficiency and effectiveness (e.g. minimizing double jeopardy hazards of independent reviews of ALMA observing time and NSF funding proposals) of the NSF PI grants program to support ALMA preparatory research currently (see recent NSF announcement on pre-ALMA research proposals) and research activities during ALMA full science operations?