

OFFICIAL STATUS

- **MOWGs are neither provided for by statute or NASA Management Instructions (NMI)**
- **The NMI distinguishes a working group from an advisory committee. Cannot advise NASA, but provide findings (opinions) in specific areas.**
- **Products may include analytical papers, analyses, series of options, strengths and weaknesses, and/or costs and benefits of alternative courses of action.**

LWS MOWG

Purpose:

- **Assist the effective implementation of NASA's science program.**
- **Provide a regular communication channel between NASA discipline science staff and the scientific community.**
- **Develop consensus opinion with appropriate balance and breadth across the discipline.**
- **Provide timely response to specific concerns**

TERMS of REFERENCE

- **Three Management and Operations Working Groups (MOWGs) for the Heliophysics Division**
- **Support Living With a Star Discipline which embraces Solar/Heliospheric and Magnetosphere/ITM Clusters as well as Sun-Climate**
- **Report Findings to Heliophysics Advisory committee**
- **Up to 12-15 members on LWSMOWG composed of space scientists from institutions that typically contribute to NASA space science missions (Universities, NASA centers, DoD, NSF etc)**
- **Chair or associate chair shall be drawn from a member of Heliophysics Advisory Committee**
- **Meetings held yearly or as needed. Telecons with NASA Staff as needed. Travel expenses provided by NASA.**

DUTIES

- **Support NASA science programs in collaboration with NASA discipline scientists and staff.**
- **Assist studies and analyses in support of new Heliophysics/LWS initiatives.**
- **Identify cross disciplinary scientific trends relevant to Heliosphysics/LWS.**
- **Provide perspectives on**
 - **The strategic planning process, methodologies, mission concepts and Targeted Research & Technology**
 - **Enabling and enhancing technologies**
 - **Education and public outreach**