The AAAC

  - DOE added in 2004
- Congress’ stated purpose (RG synopsis):
  - Assess and make recommendations regarding interagency coordination.
  - Assess and make recommendations regarding status of activities associated with Decadal Review.
  - Write report by March 15.
- Also:
  - 13 members:
    - 4 NSF, 4 NASA, 3 DOE, 2 OSTP.
  - 4 meetings per year.
  - Select Chairperson from among members.
Purpose of this Meeting

• Assess and make recommendations regarding NSF, NASA, DOE coordination and implementation of the Decadal.

• The Committee will hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics
  • to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies;
  • and to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.
• Through enactment of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (Public Law 92-463), the U.S. Congress formally recognized the merits of seeking the advice and assistance of our nation's citizens to the executive branch of government.

• FACA was enacted to ensure that advice given to federal government agencies by groups of individuals that include non-federal employees is relevant, objective, and accessible to the public.
• NSF sponsors the meeting and provides a *Designated Federal Official*

• Meetings are open to the public and announced in the Federal Register and on the AAAC website: [https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/mps/ast/aaac.jsp)

• The website includes
  • Charter
  • Membership
  • Subcommittees
  • Annual reports
  • Agenda
  • Minutes
  • Presentations

• Meeting attendance is recorded
Committee Members have a conflict of interest and should recuse themselves from offering advice if they:

- are employed at an institution that would be affected by such advice
- serve on the Board of Directors of an organization that has an interest in the advice
- have a financial interest in any company/contractor that would be impacted by such advice
- feel that they cannot be fully objective and unbiased, or that a reasonable person could question their objectivity
Other Ethics Considerations

- Do not disclose non-public, government information
- Do not use your public position for private gain in any way
- Do not solicit or accept gifts and favors from anyone who:
  - Seeks official action from, or conducts activities regulated by NSF, NASA, or DOE
  - Does, or seeks to do, business with NSF, NASA, or DOE
  - Has interests that may be substantially affected by this panel
• Committee members must not discuss the business of the committee outside of the meeting
• If you do identify a conflict of interest for a given topic, please announce it and refrain from participating in the discussion or in the writing of the relevant section of the annual report
• We appreciate your time and your advice!