



SOAR BOARD TELECON MEETING

Thursday, July 24, 2008

AGENDA

1. Pass the minutes while we wait for people to call in.
2. Any discussion that is required about the below Background Information items. It will be fine if no discussion is needed.
3. Goodman readiness (last minute pre-2008B update).
4. Goodman ADC - brief progress report from Steve (& Gerald).
5. SAM - status report from David Sprayberry; discussion. 25-30 minutes total.
6. Start discussion of SOAR's long-term instrumentation approach (led by Jay).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. AMENDMENT 3 was passed by the Board. We are awaiting a go-ahead from the Brazilian legal consul before circulating it for signatures.
2. STATUS REPORT. Steve will send around a brief status report before the telecon. It will include:
 - a. The answer to Albert's question about the impact of the raises for telescope operators that Alistair is planning.
 - b. Status of the recent tracking problems.
 - c. General background information about Goodman, which will be in the middle of an engineering run, with science observing then scheduled a week or two later. Steve will then add a very brief verbal update during the telecon, so that we can let the scheduled observers know what is happening.
3. Ed Loh and I will send around a status report on the Spartan Camera, in advance of the meeting.
4. NEXT TELECON.: Late August or early Sept. A 2-hour telecon to discuss and sign off on FY09 operating budget. Marcela will ask you for available dates.
