

Planetary Science Decadal Survey 2009-2011

Steve Squyres and Larry Soderblom, Chair and V. Chair

Mars Panel, Arizona State University

September 9-11, 2009

2009-2011 Decadal Survey Committee Organization

Steering Committee

Steve Squyres, Chair
Larry Soderblom Vice Chair
Vice Chairs of Panels
9 others

Inner Planets Panel

Ellen Stofan, Chair
Steve Mackwell, Vice Chair
10 others

Outer Planets Panel

Heidi Hammel, Chair
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10 others

Primitive Bodies Panel

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Mars Panel

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11 others

Outer Planet Satellites Panel

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10 others

Steering Group

- Steven W. Squyres, Cornell University
- Laurence A. Soderblom, U.S. Geological Survey
- Wendy M. Calvin, University of Nevada, Reno
- Dale Cruikshank, NASA Ames Research Center
- Pascale Ehrenfreund, George Washington University and Leiden Institute of Chemistry
- G. Scott Hubbard, Stanford University
- Wesley T. Huntress, Jr., Carnegie Institution of Washington
- Margaret G. Kivelson, University of California, Los Angeles
- B. Gentry Lee, Jet Propulsion Laboratory
- Jane Luu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Lincoln Laboratory
- Stephen Mackwell, Lunar and Planetary Institute
- Ralph L. McNutt, Jr., Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory
- Harry Y. McSween, Jr., University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Amy Simon-Miller, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
- David J. Stevenson, California Institute of Technology
- A. Thomas Young, Lockheed Martin Corporation (Retired)

Overall Schedule 2008-2011

2008

4th Quarter

Informal request received, NRC approves initiation,
Formal request received, Proposal to NASA.

2009

1st Quarter

Funding received, Chair identified,
Chair and vice chair appointed

2nd Quarter

Steering Group appointed, Panels Appointed

3rd Quarter

Meetings of the Steering Group and Panels begin

4th Quarter

Panels' period of peak activity

2010

1st- 2nd Quarter

Final Panel meetings, Panel reports finalized

2nd-3rd Quarter

Prioritization and drafting of survey report

4th Quarter

Draft survey report to reviewers, Report revised

2011

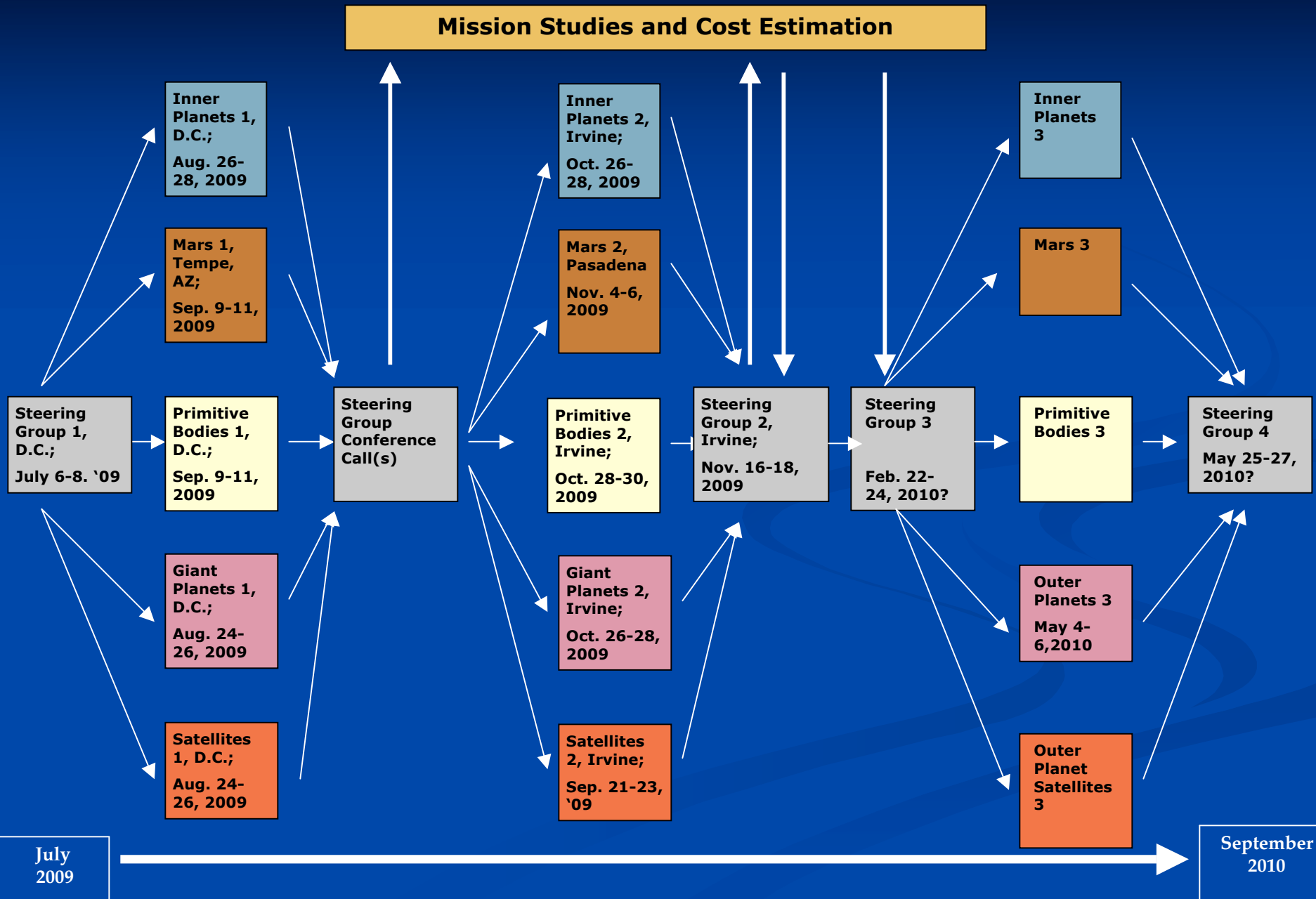
1st Quarter

Report approved, NASA briefed
and report released (prepublication-format)

3rd Quarter

Printed report released

Steering Group/Panel Interactions



Meeting Schedule

Steering Group	Inner Planets	Mars	Primitive Bodies	Giant Planets	Satellites
6-8 July Washington D.C.					
16-18 November Irvine California	26-28 August Washington D.C.	9-11 September Tempe Arizona	9-11 September Washington D.C.	24-26 August Washington D.C.	24-26 August Washington D.C.
22-24 February? Arizona or California	26-28 October Irvine California	4-6 November Pasadena California	28-30 October Irvine California	26-28 October Irvine California	21-23 September Irvine California
25-27 May? Washington D.C.	TBD	TBD	TBD	4-6 May Boston? Massachusetts	TBD

Community Interactions

Broad community input is a defining feature of a decadal survey

- Town hall and open meetings were held as early as possible in the process of establishing the survey committee (e.g., **DPS, AGU** and **VEXAG, MEPAG, OPAG, RAS, LPSC** and **CAPTEM**).
- Future outreach sessions are planned for the upcoming OPAG, NLSI, MEPAG, EPSC, DPS, AGU and LPSC meetings.
- White papers submission mechanism will go live on decadal survey web site (<http://www7.nationalacademies.org/ssb/SSEdecadal2011.html>) in the next few days
- Steering committee and panel meetings will be webcast live and archived in full.
- Coordinate with other groups that have overlapping interests.
- Graduate students are being recruited as rapporteurs for steering group and panel meetings

Examples of Future Outreach Events

- OPAG, 14 July, Columbia, Maryland, Presentation
- NLSI/LEAG, 22-23 July, Moffett Field, California, Presentation
- MEPAG, 30 July, Providence, Rhode Island, Presentation
- EPSC, 14 September, Potsdam, Germany, Presentation
- DPS, 4-9 October, Fajardo, Puerto Rico, Plenary Session and Workshops
- AGU, 14-18 December, San Francisco, California, Session (Proposed)
- LPSC, 1-5 March, The Woodlands, Texas, TBD

Evaluation of Candidate Missions

- Compared to previous decadal surveys, this one will place much greater emphasis on evaluation of the technical maturity and probable costs of candidate missions.
- The Panels and the Steering Committee include members who are expert in engineering, project management, and cost estimation.
- Resources are available to do moderate-fidelity (and conservative!) cost estimates for a limited number of high-priority candidate missions.
- The objective is to produce a realistic (i.e., not heavily over-subscribed) set of candidate missions for NASA to carry out in the coming decade.

Assuring Fiscal and Technical Realism

A lack of technical and fiscal realism has been a major weakness of past decadal surveys (in planetary science and other disciplines). The decadal survey has adopted a twin-track approach to crafting more robust mission priorities.

Technical support in the form of mission studies will be conducted by the following groups:

- JPL Team X and Rapid Mission Architecture team.
- APL ACE lab
- GSFC Integrated Design Center (Mission Design Lab and Instrument Design Lab)

The NRC will procure independent cost estimates from an appropriately qualified organization.

Four qualified companies have responded to an RFI; the winning contractor will be selected shortly.

White Paper Submission

- White papers may be submitted before September 15, 2009, via the decadal survey web site.
- White papers may not be more than 7 pages in length.
- A cover page should include the primary author's name and a list of co-authors.
- Use a 12-pt font with 1-inch margins.
- Only Word (.doc) and Acrobat (.pdf) formats will be accepted.
- Multiple authorship that accurately reflects a consensus among many individuals is strongly encouraged.
- Everyone in the planetary science community is encouraged to author white papers; the only exception is the decadal survey panel chairs and steering committee members.

Summary

- The decadal survey process is aimed at articulating a program for the coming decade that represents as fully as possible the true consensus view of the US planetary science community.
- The distinguishing features of the decadal survey process are inclusiveness and transparency.
- In contrast to past decadal surveys, this one will place a strong emphasis on cost realism.
- The process is moving forward briskly. White paper inputs from the community are needed by September 15.