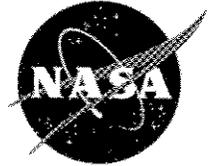


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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance at the
National Science Teachers Association Luncheon & Dinner

On March 29, 2008, the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) will hold a luncheon and dinner in conjunction with its annual conference in Boston. Both are ticketed events separate from the conference. The luncheon, which is called the Aerospace Educator's Luncheon and will feature a talk by NASA astronaut Barbara Morgan, is expected to include over 200 educators from across the United States and around the world. The dinner, which will feature a speech by former Senator and astronaut John Glenn, is expected to draw approximately one thousand people from the NSTA, NSTA's partners, the corporate and academic sectors, and from the space exploration community. The cost per ticket for each event is \$50.

I find that each of these events meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend because it will further Agency programs or operations. Attendance at these events will allow NASA representatives to exchange views on NASA's space exploration and education objectives with a wide-range of people from industry, academia, and the non-profit and space exploration communities. Accordingly, subject to the paragraph below, NASA employees who receive an invitation to attend these events free of charge may do so.

NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the NSTA, such as by way of procurement duties, or the initiation and management of Space Act agreements, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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