

2nd Information Circular
27th MEPAG Meeting
February 27, 2013
Web meeting

Letter of Invitation

Members of the Mars community,

I cordially invite you to participate in the 27th meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group (MEPAG), scheduled as an electronic meeting for February 27, 2013.

Delays in the federal budget process prompted us to cancel the two-day physical meeting previously scheduled Feb. 26-27 for the Washington, DC area and to replace it with this half-day electronic meeting. **The new meeting time is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST (8 a.m. to noon PST) on February 27, 2013.** Further details will be sent out in the next announcement.

A major development regarding future Mars missions since the last MEPAG meeting was the announcement by NASA Associate Administrator Dr. John Grunsfeld of a Mars Rover to be launched in 2020. MEPAG has invited NASA HQ to discuss in greater depth the status of the Mars Exploration Program, near term steps and what it means for the Mars community.

A **draft** agenda is included below (second page).

The meeting is open to all members of the Mars science community including our international colleagues. Thanks for your understanding regarding this meeting change. I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Des Marais
MEPAG Chair

If you need additional information, please contact Charles Budney, MEPAG meeting coordinator, charles.j.budney@jpl.nasa.gov, phone = 818-354-3981. If you have updates to the master MEPAG e-mail list (either correction of faulty e-mail addresses, addition of Mars science colleagues who have been inadvertently omitted), or deletions, please contact Joyce Pulliam (Joyce.N.Pulliam@jpl.nasa.gov).

Draft Agenda for MEPAG web meeting of February 27, 2013*Electronic Meeting (Adobe Connect*): 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. EST***Meeting Day: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 All Times are EST (PST = EST - 3hrs)**

<u>Start</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	
11:00 AM	0:15	Welcome; Desired Outcomes; Agenda	D. Des Marais, Chair
11:15 AM	0:45	NASA: Status & Future of MEP	J. Grunsfeld*/J. Green
12:00 PM	0:30	2020 Rover SDT	J. Green/M. Meyer
12:30 PM	0:15	Discussion	
12:45 PM	0:30	Continuing Mission Status/Plans (MSL etc.)	F. Li
01:15 PM	0:30	Possible reports: HEO status, Conference Reports	tbd
01:45 PM	0:45	Discussion/Future Planning for MEPAG Activities	D. Des Marais, Chair
02:30 PM	0:30	Additional discussion if needed	
03:00 PM		Adjourn	
			<i>*To be confirmed</i>