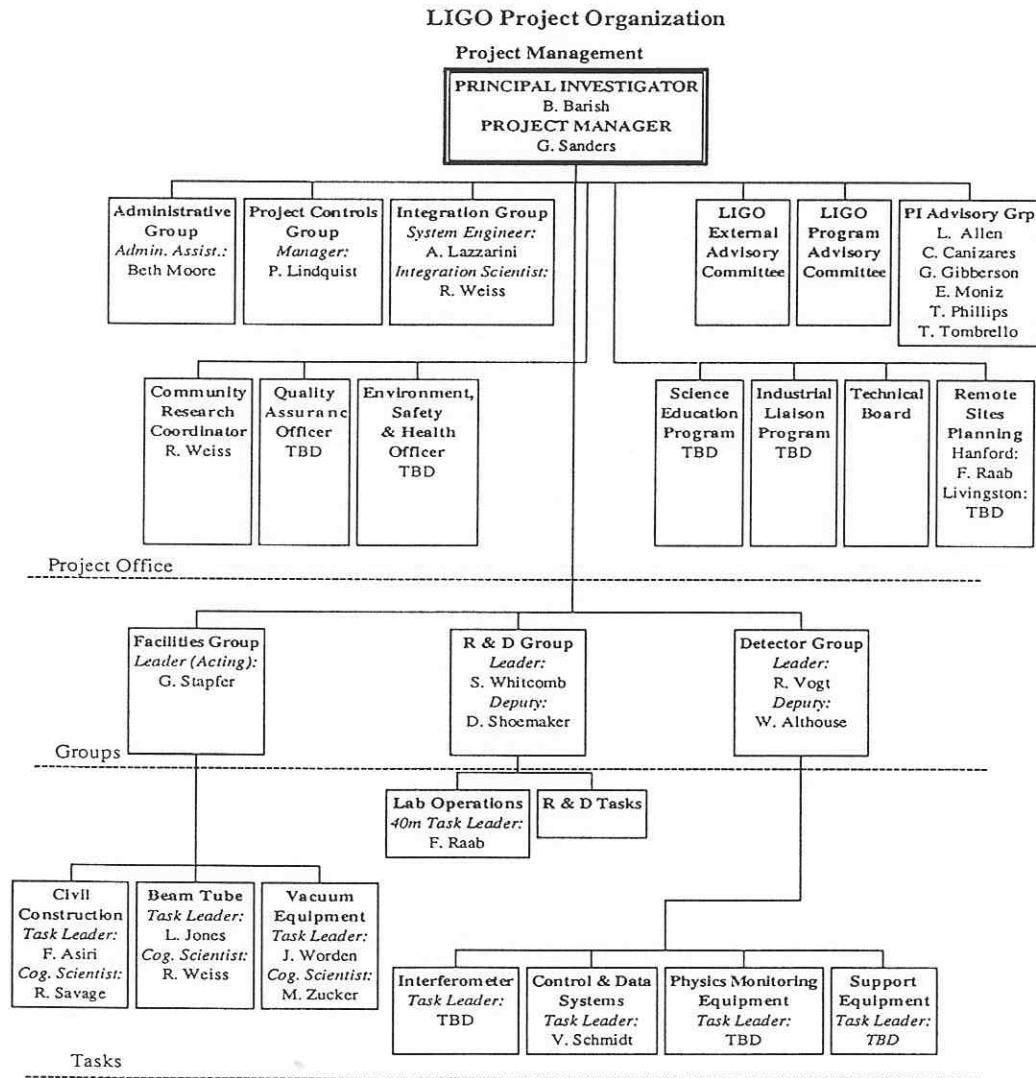

LIGO Administrative Group

Basic Organization and Procedures

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LIGO Organization



Administrative Group

- **Group Leader - B. Moore**
 - » Personnel Actions
 - » Meetings/Scheduling
 - » Facilities/Furniture/Equipment
- **Project Office - I. Baldon**
 - » LIGO Travel
 - » Support for Meetings/Scheduling
- **Science Groups - B. Behnke**
- **Facilities Group - D. Lloyd**
 - » Purchase Requisitions
- **Project Controls - R. Torres**
- **MIT Group - S. Merullo**
 - » L. Vall
- **Barish/HEP - D. Tomlinson**
 - » Barish travel/scheduling/etc.
 - » G. Dunn - Project Office
 - mail/document distribution
 - meeting support
 - special projects for Project Office

Roles and Responsibilities

- **Provide stable, orderly, guaranteed process**
- **Provide organization**
- **Provide “enabling” support**
- **Lift responsibility for process tasks from LIGO staff**
- **Provide stable, orderly contacts outside of LIGO**
- **Communications**
- **Scheduling**
- **Correspondence/Documents**
- **Personnel Actions**
- **Purchasing/Subcontracts**
- **Travel**
- **Facilities/Space/Equipment**

Computers

- **All members of the Administrative Group will use IBM PC's**
 - » Access to Sun Unix network through PCNFSPRO/Software
- **Documents in FrameMaker**
- **Spreadsheets in MS Excel**
- **Databases in MS Access**
- **Calendars in Sun Calendar Manager with “print” to World Wide Web**
- **Caltech forms in computer**

Communications

● Telephones

- » Phone coverage at all times
 - Positive customer response
 - Awareness of staff location/schedule
 - Responsiveness, get the message to...
 - Positive delivery of messages
 - Person, voicemail, paper message, email, cellular phones, pagers
 - use appropriately (judgement)
 - Fax traffic
 - Awareness of significant faxes
 - Positive confirmation of all faxes

● Electronic mail

- » Control and update of distribution lists (through Greg Hiscott)
- » Significant messages transmitted through secretary

Scheduling / Meetings

- **Centralized! Coordinated!**
 - » No meetings scheduled except through Administrative Group !
- **Barish/Sanders electronic calendars must be consulted**
- **Meeting rooms and centralized calendars**
 - » Hiscott to arrange Calendar Manager accesses for secretaries maintaining calendars
- **Learn to use Calendar Manager and the World Wide Web Mosaic Browser**

Scheduling a Meeting

- **Initiator to Group Secretary**
 - » or Project if intra-group
- **Group Secretary to coordinate with:**
 - » Other Group Secretaries & Project
 - » Barish/Sanders calendars
- **Group Secretary to assure:**
 - » meeting room through Project Office
 - » presentation materials/equipment
 - » refreshments if applicable
 - » assure agenda distribution in advance and minutes after meeting
- **If Initiator does some of the above tasks, Group Secretary to assure process followed**

Calendar Management

- **Use Sun Calendar Manager**
- **Keep calendars current**
- **Use electronic calendars to inform other Group Secretaries**
 - » essential to keep calendars current
- **Post some calendars on the World Wide Web** (Hiscott/Schmidt)
 - » Barish
 - » Sanders
 - » Meeting rooms
 - » Standing Meetings
 - » Annual Major Calendar
 - reviews, NSF visits, conferences
 - » Others?

Correspondence

- **Letters, memos, thru memos, faxes**
 - » Only important faxes
- **Initiator does draft in FrameMaker**
- **Draft to Group Secretary for:**
 - » number (L950000-VV-G)
 - » final formatting and checking
 - » distribution list
 - » signature (always!)
 - » distribution
 - » copies to Chron. file/Doc. Ctrl Ctr
- **Computer file of correspondence**
 - » filename is to be number
 - » file emailed to DCC@ligo
- **Assure staff cooperates**

Other Documents

● Document Control Center

- » archive everything significant
 - hard copies
 - backup copies for later distribution
 - electronic copies
- » provide all non-correspondence document numbers
 - types defined in memo LIGO-L950003
- » all significant documents sent out and received through DCC

● Document Flow

- » Created Documents
 - Originator -> Secretary -> DCC
- » Major Received Documents
 - DCC -> Secretary -> Originator

● Group Secretary processes

Personnel Actions

- **Process**

- » Initiator
- » Group Secretary
 - Always in the loop
- » Beth Moore
- » Human Resources

- **Update Personnel Information**

- » On World Wide Web also

- **New hires**

- » Arrange for their arrival
- » Friendly welcome
- » Provide organized office
- » Computer and account

- **Record attendance strictly**

- » Scheduled absences coordinated

Purchasing (Not Subcontracts)

● Process

- » Requestor writes request
- » Dot processes, logs into database, checks account
- » Dot gets approval through Group Secretary
- » Dot tracks progress actively
- » All LIGO receiving through DCC
- » Dot gets invoices paid
- » Dot transfers paperwork to DCC
- » Cindy uses Dot's database for accounting reports
- » Group Secretary always aware of status

Subcontracts

- **Requestor involves Irena (Subcontract Manager) early**
- **Irena provides all paperwork to Rita for:**
 - » Document numbers from DCC
 - » Requisition from Dot
 - » Document editing accomplished by Rita and Group Secretary of Requestor's group
 - technical part from Requestor group
 - contractual part from Rita
 - » Coordinate accounting with Cindy
- **Major subcontracts will require a team approach in Admin. Group**

Travel

- **Process of Request**

- » traveler requests through Group Secretary
- » Group Secretary works through Irene

- **Reimbursement Process**

- » Group Secretary encourages traveler to assemble receipts
- » Group Secretary works through Irene

Major Reviews

- **Administrative Group plans support well in advance**
- **Rooms**
- **Visitors**
- **Supplies**
- **Support of Review Committee**
 - » workspace
 - » communications
 - » computers
- **Presentation Graphics prepared**

In Closing

- **Each member of the Administrative Group “owns” the processes and final quality of work produced by the group they support**
- **This is an active, leading role and not merely a supporting role**
- **Low error rate**
- **Take charge of your group**
- **Team Approach**
 - » Keep each other informed
 - » If Group Secretary is bypassed, send offender back gently
 - » Help each other