

Economics and Legal Group

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Topic 1. What Topics and Sub-Topics are of Importance?

Don Beattie:

As a conservative CSM educated engineer, I would caution you that there is still a large amount of ground work to be accomplished before we can go on to the steps advocated by several speakers toward our goal of utilizing space resources. Our morning speaker reminded us that many major institutional barriers still exist concerning property rights, management and oversight for space enterprises. These impediments have existed for decades with no immediate resolution in sight. At the next Roundtable we need to be prepared to develop an action plan to show how these impediments will be overcome or at least that there is a way to achieve closure on these impediments. If we can't achieve closure then we are building a house of cards with no foundation. International and national institutions must come to agreement on how these issues will be resolved. Another possible objective for the next meeting would be to develop a model business plan that could be used as a check list for any potential project that might be proposed.

Topic 2. Forms of Communication:

Joe Burris:

- A. Web Site (CSM will do this)
- B. Email
- C. Publish conference papers
- D. Industry Leader/Spokesperson; e.g., Lou Dobbs of Space.com

Topic 3. Fortune 1000 Companies:

Brad Blair:

- A. Resource (Exxon-Mobil)
- B. Energy Services (Halliburton)
- C. Equipment (Caterpillar)
- D. Construction (Brown & Root, Bechtel)
- E. Investment (DLJ, Goldman-Sachs)
- F. Mining (Newmont, Inco)
- G. Utility (TXU, Enron)
- H. Political (State & Federal)
- I. Feasibility (Booz-Allen & Hamilton)
- J. Attorneys
- K. Other Colleges & Universities
- L. Entrepreneurs
- M. Data
- N. Communications

Topic 4. What can be done to elevate the discussion to the point where NASA programs clearly reflect the importance of space resources?

David Criswell:

- A. Establish funded program to identify, invent and educate potential users of profitable goods and services using off-earth resources.
- B. Tap the universities and industry for concepts, business analyses, demos.
- C. Tap NASA, DoD, etc. for early uses.

Topic 5. What are some recommendations for discussion topics at the next Roundtable?

- A. Report on progress and what needs to be done for development of policies to foster growth of commercial industry in space.
- B. Consider supporting NASA/Mars mission plans with requirements for commercial lunar base utilization (merge exploration and development, basic utility infrastructure)
- C. Data purchase by NASA & USG
- D. Space Law