



Modeling and Simulation Advisory Committee

October 16, 2006 10:30 a.m.

Large Conference Room, VMASC (Suffolk)

- **Call to order, roll call:** *Roll call, chairman's welcome, introduction of legislative and citizen members of the advisory committee.*

Delegate Cosgrove called the meeting to order.

- **Update and Discussion on the Modeling and Simulation Steering Committee of the Hampton Roads Partnership.**

John Sokolowski gave an overview of the Modeling and Simulation Steering Committee of the Hampton Roads Partnership. The steering committee is a privately led effort with VMASC acting as a neutral third party. The focus of the steering committee is on economic development and workforce development. Mr. Sokolowski explained how demand was outstripping the supply of qualified employees and it was necessary to imbed M&S in the K-12 curriculum.

The advisory committee discussed the need for an industry lobbyist to put the region's M&S voice on Capitol Hill.

- **Update on ModSim 2007.**

Robert Sharak gave a brief overview of the modeling and simulation conference (ModSim) to be held next year at the Virginia Beach Conference Center on September 10-13. The conference will focus on four major areas of M&S: medical, transportation and urban planning, homeland security and defense, and the use of M&S in education. The initial upfront cost of the conference was expected to be about \$350,000. Delegate Cosgrove proposed the idea of having the state partner as a sponsor of the event. Dr. Mastaglio also suggested inviting all legislative members to the event.

- **Discussion:** *This is an opportunity for a "round table" discussion by the members of the advisory committee. Members may use this opportunity to state issues that they would like*

Delegate Joe T. May, Chair

Senator John C. Watkins, Vice Chair

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to see addressed by the group during its study, as well as formulate a work plan for future meetings.

Staff Attorney Patrick Cushing briefed the advisory committee on the structure of the Commonwealth Technology Research Fund and reviewed past grant awards to state universities. The 2006 Annual CTRF Report is available on the JCOTS website.

Mr. DelBianco suggested the state should push universities to collaborate with Virginia-based M&S companies if they are looking to partner with private industry. Mr. DelBianco's proposal would include reporting requirements for universities that receive funding for M&S, with the intent of having the state market its M&S capabilities with the success stories from the universities. Finally, Mr. DelBianco suggested the advisory committee contact VEDP to make sure marketing efforts included an explanation of Virginia's new intellectual property policies adopted during the 2006 Session in HB 134.

- **Public comment:** *Members of the public be given the opportunity to express their views about the advisory committee and its work.*

The advisory committee did not receive public comment.

- **Actions for next meeting:** *The chairman may wish to direct staff and members of the advisory committee to follow up on particular items for the next meeting of the group.*

1. Staff will develop a list of proposals and recommendations to present to JCOTS at the November 30th meeting.
2. Staff will contact VEDP and discuss the use of HB 134 (new IP policies for universities) as a marketing tool.
3. Staff will check to see if there is a way to get universities to report on M&S spending to JCOTS.
4. Staff will look into developing line item amendment funding for ModSim 2007.
5. Staff will post ModSim 2007 info on JCOTS website.