



SSB NEWS ALERT

Charles F. Kennel To Become New SSB Chair A. Thomas Young to Continue as Vice Chair

The National Research Council has approved the provisional appointment of Dr. Charles F. Kennel (NAS) of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California-San Diego (UCSD) to succeed Dr. Lennard Fisk as chair of the Space Studies Board, effective July 1, 2008. Mr. A. Thomas Young (NAE), Lockheed Martin Corporation (retired), has been reappointed as vice chair of the SSB.

CHARLIE KENNEL is a distinguished professor of atmospheric sciences at Scripps, and he directs the UCSD Environment and Sustainability Initiative, embracing teaching, research, campus operations, and public outreach. Dr. Kennel was educated in astronomy and astrophysics at Harvard and Princeton. He then joined the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Department of Physics, developed a research career in space plasma physics and astrophysics, and chaired the department for three years. He eventually became the UCLA executive vice chancellor, its chief academic officer. From 1994 to 1996, he was NASA's Associate Administrator for Mission to Planet Earth (NASA's Earth science program at that time).

Dr. Kennel is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and the American Philosophical Society. He is chair of the California Council on Science and Technology and is a recipient of the James Clerk Maxwell Prize (American Physical Society), the Hannes Alfvén Prize (European Geophysical Society), the Aurelio Peccei Prize (Accademia Lincei), and the NASA Distinguished Service and Distinguished Public Service Awards.

TOM YOUNG is a retired executive vice president of Lockheed Martin Corporation. Mr. Young previously was president and COO of Martin Marietta Corp. Prior to joining industry, Mr. Young worked for 21 years at NASA where he directed the Goddard Space Flight Center, was deputy director of the Ames Research Center, and directed the Planetary Program in the Office of Space Science at NASA headquarters. Mr. Young received high acclaim for his technical leadership in organizing and directing national space and defense programs, especially the Viking program. He has chaired many studies of organization and management issues that affect the nation's space programs (civil and military).

As detailed in a separate release, four other new members have been provisionally appointed, and seven other SSB members have been reappointed, joining nine ongoing members. All appointments and reappointments are for two years. For more information, please see www.nationalacademies.org/ssb.