

Space Science Board

1958-1974

The NAS Space Science Board (SSB) was appointed in spring 1958 at the request of the Executive Committee of the US National Committee for the International Geophysical Year. The Board's mission was to survey the scientific aspects of the human exploration of space. Accordingly, the SSB provided advice on the continuation and expansion of the IGY's rocket and satellite program, and later advised NASA, the Department of Defense, and the National Science Foundation on aspects of interplanetary probes and space stations, potential problems of manned spaceflight, the exploration of Venus and Mars, and other matters related to space.

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