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Dear Members of the Board,

I hereby submit my resignation as Executive Director of the National Space Society (NSS), effective at noon on Friday, February 15, 2013. I also tender my resignation as a member of the Board of Directors of the NSS. I will work with the Senior Operating Officer of the NSS to ensure a smooth transition.

I thank those of you with whom I have worked and who have put the interests of the Society above your own—together we righted our ship and avoided the rocks we were heading toward before I took this position. I believe we also put in place the right changes to set our ship on a new course to prosperity.

During the last year in this role it has become abundantly clear, however, that as long as elements of the existing leadership of the NSS continue to pursue courses of action—and perpetuate an atmosphere—that are not in the best interests of the Society, the challenges the organization face will become insurmountable. For both professional and personal reasons, I have decided to pursue other opportunities.

I wish the organization success in its future endeavors.

Respectfully,

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