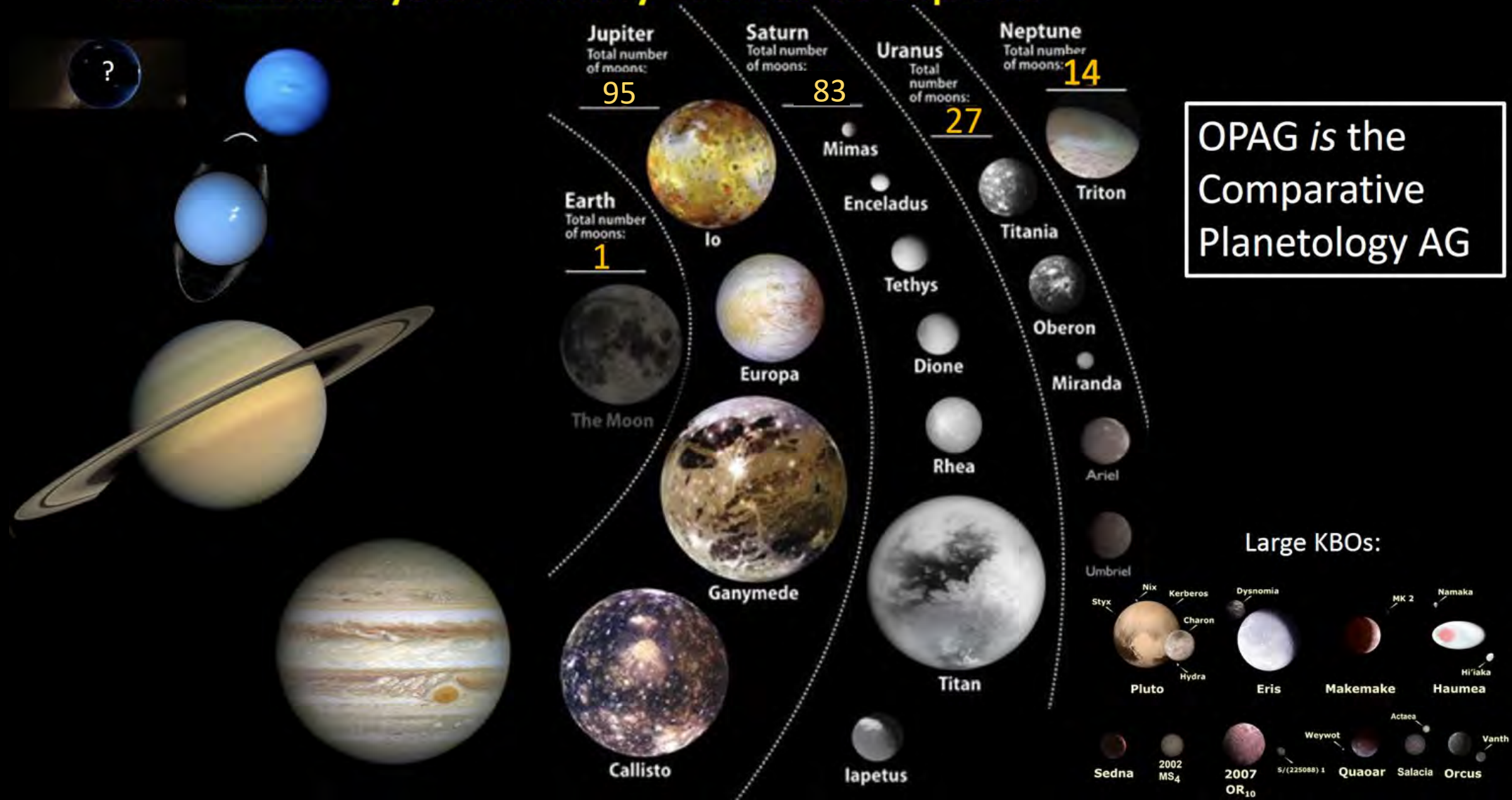


# OPAG Update to the Planetary Science Advisory Committee (PAC)

Amanda Hendrix, OPAG Chair, PAC Meeting, 14 November 2023

## Outer Solar System: Many Worlds to Explore



# Some of the Topics at the Upcoming OPAG meeting (Nov 28-29, Boulder)

- **Dragonfly** - awaiting confirmation
  - OPAG stresses the importance of this mission
- **OPAG is very concerned about delays in mission calls**
  - **PI-led missions** are critical for the community and for science
- **NF-5**
  - If NASA is going to CAPS to re-think mission themes, this process should start immediately
  - NASA/CAPS should focus on science rather than making the list too prescriptive
- OPAG reminds the community that **OWL did not recommend moving forward with MSR “at all costs”**
- Planetary community **demographics**
  - See presentation at OPAG meeting!
- **RPS**
  - Pu-238 & clad production rates should not slow down despite current budget slowdown & mission formulation delays
- **Clipper!**
  - OPAG fully supports this flagship as it moves toward launch in <1 year
- **UOP**
  - Has been quite well-studied ... #1 priority next flagship in OWL/PSDS