

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the February 15-16, 2011 Meeting

This memorandum is made publicly available for any interested parties to review. A more detailed summary of the meeting will be forthcoming and posted on the National Science Board (Board, NSB) public Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/>). The minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the February 2011 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval at the May 2011 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 418th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to increase the pass-through spending authority for foreign contributions to the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA), Associated Universities, Incorporated (AUI) (NSB-11-14).
2. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to make an award for operation of the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) to Associated Universities, Incorporated (AUI) (NSB-11-9).
3. The Board authorized the Director, at his discretion, to make an award to Temple University for the Spatial Intelligence and Learning Center (SILC) (NSB-11-10).
4. The Board authorized the Director, at his discretion, to make an award to the University of California, San Diego, for the Temporal Dynamics of Learning Center (TDLC) (NSB-11-11).
5. The Board approved the Delegation of Award-Approval Authority to the NSF Director (NSB-11-2).
6. The Board approved the Delegation of Authority to the Executive Committee (NSB-11-3).
7. The Board approved the recipient for the 2011 Alan T. Waterman Award. The name of the awardee will be revealed in a public announcement this spring.
8. The Chairman announced that the next annual Board retreat and off-site visit will be held in Tucson, Arizona on September 13-14, 2011.

9. The Board approved the revised charge for the Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP), Task Force on Unsolicited Mid-Scale Research (MS) (NSB-10-59, Revised January 28, 2011).
10. The Board approved the Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB), Task Force on Data Policies (DP) “Statement of Principles” (NSB-11-20).
11. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-10-89) for the December 2010 meeting (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2010/1201/minutes.pdf>). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed (NSB-10-87) and Plenary Closed Sessions (NSB-10-88) for the December 2010 meeting of the Board were also approved.

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