

## MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the July 28-29, 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 July 2011 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval at the September 2011 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 420th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to make an award to the University of Texas at Austin for support of *Enabling, Enhancing, and Extending Petascale Computing for Science and Engineering* (NSB-11-48).
2. The Board approved the following schedule of meetings for calendar year 2012: February 2-3, May 3-4, July 17-18, September 19-20, and December 4-5 (NSB-11-46) (Attachment).
3. The Board Chairman established the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Awards with Dr. Peterson, chairman, and Drs. Benbow and Stancell, members.
4. The Board approved the "Orange Book" draft for *Science and Engineering Indicators 2012*, subject to final edits approved by the Chairman of the Board and the chairman of the Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI).
5. The Board approved the STEM education high priority Horizon items recommended by the Committee on Education and Human Resources (CEH) (NSB/CEH-11-13) to forward to the NSF Director for consideration.
6. The Board acknowledged and reaffirmed the delegation authority for the Executive Committee\* to act on behalf of the full Board between Board meeting to approve recommendations from the:
  - Committee on Audit and Oversight (A&O) pertaining to the FY 2013 budget for the Office of Inspector General (OIG),
  - Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB) pertaining to the FY 2013 budget for the National Science Foundation (NSF), and
  - Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP) pertaining to a high performance computing action.

7. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-11-40) for the May 2011 meeting <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2011/0510/minutes.pdf> Minutes for the Plenary Closed Session (NSB-11-39) for the May 2011 meeting of the Board were also approved.

*[signed]*  
Michael L. Van Woert  
Executive Officer

Attachment:  
NSB Calendar of Meetings, 2012 (NSB-11-46)

\*Delegation of Authority to the Executive Committee (NSB-11-3), February 16, 2011, states that the Executive Committee “may act for the Board in those rare instances when immediate decision is required between Board meetings and when the necessary action is not within the authority of the Director of the National Science Foundation.”

**NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD**  
**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**  
**2012**

February 2 - 3  
(Thursday - Friday)

May 3 - 4  
(Thursday - Friday)  
[Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner]

July 17 - 18  
(Tuesday - Wednesday)

September 19 - 20  
(Wednesday – Thursday)  
[Annual Retreat and Visit]

December 4 - 5  
(Tuesday - Wednesday)