

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the May 3-4, 2012 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 May 2012 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval at the July 2012 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 425th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. Dr. Arvizu was elected to a 2-year term as Chairman of the Board, and Dr. Droegemeier was elected to a 2-year term as Vice Chairman. Drs. Arvizu and Droegemeier were also elected by acclamation to 2-year terms (May 2012 – May 2014) as members of the Executive Committee.
2. Dr. Lineberger was elected to the Executive Committee to fill the remainder of Dr. Droegemeier's term (May 2011 – May 2013).
3. The Board accepted the 2011 Annual Report of the Executive Committee as presented by Dr. Marrett, NSF Deputy Director, on behalf of the committee chairman, Dr. Suresh, NSF Director (NSB/EC-12-3).
4. The Board approved the *Report on the NSF Support of Unsolicited Mid-Scale Research* (NSB-12-22), subject to final edits by the chairman of the Task Force on Unsolicited Mid-Scale Research and the Board Chairman.
5. The Board Chairman discharged the Committee on Strategy and Budget, Task Force on Data Policies with thanks to Dr. Griffiths, chairman, and Drs. Abbott, Benbow, Bruer, Peterson, Taylor, and Mr. Reilly, members.
6. The Board Chairman discharged the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Awards with thanks to Dr. Peterson, chairman, and Drs. Benbow and Stancell, members.
7. The Board Chairman discharged the *ad hoc* Committee on Nominating for NSB Elections (Elections Committee), with thanks to Dr. Bruer, chairman, and Drs. Galloway and Griffiths, and Mr. Reilly, members.

8. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-12-15) for the February 2012 meeting (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2012/0202/minutes.pdf>). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed (NSB-12-13) and Plenary Closed Sessions (NSB-12-14) for the February 2012 meeting of the Board were also approved.

[signed]
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Executive Officer