

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANT OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the February 20-21, 2013 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 2013 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval at the May 2013 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 430th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the Director, at his discretion, to make an award to the National Ecological Observatory Network, Inc. for initial operations of the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) (NSB-13-7).
2. The Board authorized the Deputy Director, at her discretion, to fund *Sustained-Petascale in Action: Blue Waters Enabling Transformative Science and Engineering* (NSB-13-8).
3. The Board approved the recipient for the 2013 Alan T. Waterman Award. The name of the awardee will be revealed in a public announcement this spring.
4. The Chairman announced that the next annual site visit will be held in Seattle, Washington on September 19-20, 2013.
5. The Board Chairman established the *ad hoc* Committee on Nominating for NSB Elections (Elections Committee) with Dr. Douglas Randall, chairman, and members Drs. Gulari and Stancell.
6. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-12-66) for the December 2012 meeting <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2012/1204/minutes.pdf>. Also approved were the minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed Session (NSB-12-64) and the Plenary Closed Session (NSB-12-65) held in December 2012.

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Executive Officer