

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the May 9-10, 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 May 2013 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval at the August 2013 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 431st meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the Acting Director, at her discretion, to make an award to the Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology (IRIS) for operation and management of Seismological Facilities for the Advancement of Geoscience and EarthScope (SAGE) (NSB-13-26).
2. The Board authorized the Acting Director, at her discretion, to make an award to UNAVCO, Inc. for support of the Geodesy Advancing Geosciences and EarthScope (GAGE) facilities and associated programs (NSB-13-27).
3. The Board authorized the Acting Director, at her discretion, to make an award to the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research for the operation and management of the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) (NSB-13-24).
4. The Board authorized the Acting Director, at her discretion, to make an award to the University of Arizona for "The iPlant Collaborative: Cyberinfrastructure for the Life Sciences" (NSB-13-25).
5. Drs. Carl Lineberger and Anneila Sargent were elected to 2-year terms, May 2013 - May 2015, as members of the Executive Committee.
6. The Board approved a revised Charge to the Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP), subject to minor edits approved by the CPP chairman and the Board Chairman.
7. The Board approved the Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI) STEM-Education Data and Trends on-line tool, subject to final edits approved by the SEI chairman and the Board Chairman.

8. The Board approved the topic of the Companion Piece to *Science and Engineering Indicators 2014* on the science and engineering degree as it relates to the gateway to opportunity and U.S. economic competitiveness.
9. The Board accepted the 2012 Annual Report of the Executive Committee as presented by the committee chairman, Dr. Cora Marrett, Acting NSF Director (NSB/EC-13-1).
10. The Board Chairman discharged the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Awards with thanks to Dr. Alan Leshner, chairman, and Drs. Ray Bowen, Esin Gulari, and Anneila Sargent, members.
11. The Board Chairman discharged the *ad hoc* Committee on Nominating for NSB Elections (Elections Committee) with thanks to Dr. Douglas Randall, chairman, and Drs. Gulari and Stancell, members.
12. The Board Chairman established the *ad hoc* Committee on Nominations for the Class of 2014-2020 with Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier as chairman, and members TBD.
13. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-13-15) for the February 2013 meeting be <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2013/0220/minutes.pdf>. Also approved were the minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed Session (NSB-13-13) and the Plenary Closed Session (NSB-13-14) held in February 2013.

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Executive Officer