

**MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD**

**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the August 15-16, 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 August 2013 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval.

Major actions and approvals at the 432nd meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the Acting Director, at her discretion, to approve renewal of funding for operations and maintenance of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO). (NSB-13-41)
2. The Board authorized the Acting Director, at her discretion, to approve the revised baseline for the construction of the Advanced Technology Solar Telescope (ATST). (NSB-13-42)
3. The Board authorized the Acting Director, at her discretion, to increase the pass-through authority for construction of the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA). (NSB-13-43)
4. The Board approved the proposed FY 2015 budget for the National Science Foundation, including the National Science Board and the Office of Inspector General, for transmittal to the Office of Management and Budget. (NSB-13-44)
5. The Board approved the "Orange Book" draft for *Science and Engineering Indicators 2014*, subject to final edits approved by the Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI) chairman and the Board Chairman.
6. The Board approved the following schedule of meetings for calendar year 2014: February 25-26, May 6-7, August 13-14, September 17-18, November 19-20. (NSB-13-40) (Attachment)
7. The Board approved the revised Charge to the Committee on Audit and Oversight (A&O). (NSB-13-51)

8. The Board Chairman established the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Awards (AWD) with Dr. Ruth David, chairman, and Drs. Stephen Mayo and Douglas Randall, members.
9. The Board Chairman discharged the *ad hoc* Committee Regarding Recommendations for NSF Director (established February 2013), with thanks to Dr. Ray Bowen, chairman, and Drs. Kelvin Droegemeier, Alan Leshner, Anneila Sargent, and Maria Zuber.
10. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-13-32) for the May 2013 meeting <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2013/0509/minutes.pdf>. Also approved were the minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed Session (NSB-13-30) and the Plenary Closed Session (NSB-13-31) held in May 2013.

*[signed]*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD**

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

**2014**

February 25 - 26  
(Tuesday - Wednesday)

May 6 - 7  
(Tuesday - Wednesday)  
[Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner]

August 13 - 14  
(Wednesday - Thursday)

September 17 - 18  
(Wednesday - Thursday)  
[Annual Retreat and Site Visit]

November 19 - 20  
(Wednesday - Thursday)