

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD AND CONSULTANTS

SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the August 13-14, 2014 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 2014 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval.

Major actions and approvals at the 437th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the Director, at her discretion, to make an award for the renewal of the management and operation of the National Solar Observatory (NSO).
2. The Board approved the proposed FY 2016 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-14-40)
3. The Board approved the following schedule of meetings for calendar year 2015: February 3-4, May 5-6, August 12-13, September 16-17, and November 18-19. (NSB-14-41) (Attachment)
4. The Board Chairman established the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Awards (AWD) with Dr. Vinton Cerf, chairman, and members TBD.
5. The Board Chairman discharged the Task Force on Administrative Burdens (AB) with thanks to Dr. Arthur Bienenstock, chairman, and Drs. Kelvin Droegemeier, Alan Leshner, Carl Lineberger, and Diane Souvaine, members.
6. The Board Chairman established the *ad hoc* Working Group on Administrative Burdens, with Dr. Bienenstock, chairman, and Drs. Bassler, Droegemeier, and Leshner, members.
7. The Board Chairman created the Discussion Group on Congressional Engagement, with Dr. Maria Zuber, lead.

8. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-14-31) for the May 2014 meeting <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2014/0506/minutes.pdf>. Also approved were the minutes for the Plenary Closed Session (NSB-14-30) held in May 2014.

[signed]
Michael L. Van Woert
Executive Officer

NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

2015

February 3 - 4
(Tuesday - Wednesday)

May 5 - 6
(Tuesday - Wednesday)
[Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner]

August 12 - 13
(Wednesday - Thursday)

September 16 - 17
(Wednesday - Thursday)
[Annual Retreat and Visit]

November 18 - 19
(Wednesday - Thursday)