

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

**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the May 5-6, 2016 Board Meeting

This memorandum is made publicly available for any interested parties to review. The approved minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the February 2015 meeting will also be posted on the National Science Board's (Board) public website (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>).

Major actions and approvals at the Board's 446th meeting included the following in no particular order of priority:

1. The Board elected Dr. Maria T. Zuber as the Board Chair, and Dr. Diane L. Souvaine as the Board Vice Chair for a term of May 11, 2016 through May 10, 2018. They were also elected to the Board's Executive Committee for the same term.
2. The Board elected Dr. James S. Jackson to the Executive Committee for the remaining term of the position previously held by Dr. Souvaine. His term runs from May 11, 2016 through May 10, 2017.
3. The Board approved a resolution authorizing the Director of the National Science Foundation to make an award for a period of 60 months to Michigan State University (MSU) for the operation of the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory as a national user facility and for the support of the MSU faculty nuclear physics research program.
4. The Board approved a resolution authorizing the Director of the National Science Foundation to make an award for a period of 60 months to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for *XSEDE 2: Integrating, Enabling and Enhancing National Cyberinfrastructure with Expanding Community Involvement*.
5. The Board reviewed and approved the Executive Committee's Annual Report (2015).
6. The Board reviewed the OIG Semiannual Report to Congress and the NSF Management's Response. The Board approved the submission of the report and the response, subject to completion of NSF's narrative response. The Board directed the Executive Committee to review and approve the final narrative as well as the Board's accompanying cover letter.
7. The Board accepted the Final Report from the ad hoc Task Force on NEON Programs and Plans (NPP). The Board Chair referred the report and its recommendations to the Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP) and the Committee on Strategy and Budget's

Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF). CPP and SCF will make recommendations to the Board on next steps at the August 2016 Boar meeting.

8. The Board Chair discharged NPP and assigned future follow up to CPP and SCF.
9. The Board presented the NSB Public Service Award to the [Sea Education Fund](#) for its exemplary public service in promoting public understanding and study of the ocean. The Board also presented [Dr. Robert Birgeneau](#) the prestigious Vannevar Bush Award for his exceptional public service and scientific leadership – including lifelong, high caliber research committed to the public good, tireless advocacy for the nation's research universities and unrelenting efforts to advance equity and inclusion in higher education and science.
10. The NSF Director presented the NSF Alan T. Waterman Award to Dr. [Mircea Dincă](#) in recognition of his research in microporous solids, which is revolutionizing how scientists approach this exciting new technology, opening the door for future discoveries.
11. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session from the February 2016 and the March 2016 meetings (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/>). The Board also approved the minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed Session and the Plenary Closed Session of February 2016.

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Executive Officer, Acting