

## MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

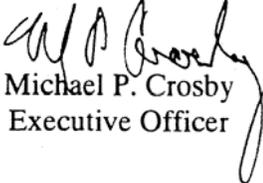
**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the February 10, 2006 Meeting

This memorandum will be made publicly available for any interested parties to review. A more detailed summary of the meeting will be posted on the National Science Board (NSB, the Board) public Web site within 10 business days. A comprehensive set of NSB-approved Open Session meeting minutes will be posted on the Board's public Web site following its March 2006 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 390<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-05-166) for the November-December 2005 meeting ([http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2005/1130/open\\_minutes.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2005/1130/open_minutes.pdf)). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed and Closed Sessions for the November-December 2005 meeting of the NSB were also approved.
2. The Board approved a resolution to close portions of the upcoming March 29-30, 2006 NSB meeting dealing with staff appointments; candidates for honorary or achievement awards; future budgets; pending proposals/awards for specific grants, contracts, or other arrangements; those portions dealing with specific Office of the Inspector General investigations and enforcement actions, or agency audit guidelines; and NSF participation in a civil or administrative action, proceeding, or arbitration (NSB-06-08) (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2006/0329/closing.pdf>).
3. The Board elected Dr. Steven Beering as a member of the Executive Committee to complete the term of Dr. Delores Etter, who resigned from the Board in November 2005. The NSB Chairman discharged the *ad hoc* Committee on Nominating for NSB Elections, for Executive Committee membership and thanked Dr. Douglas Randall, chairman, and Drs. Alan Leshner and Jo Anne Vasquez.
4. The NSB Chairman initiated the process for electing Members to the *ad hoc* Committee on Nominating for NSB Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and two Executive Committee positions. The election of Members to this committee would take place at the March meeting. He invited Board Members to contact Dr. Michael Crosby concerning interest in serving on this committee.

5. The NSB Chairman announced the establishment of the Vannevar Bush 2006 Award Committee and noted that he would appoint committee members soon.
6. The Board approved a letter from the NSB Chairman in response to a request from Congressman Bart Gordon for the Board to review and provide recommendations on his recently introduced bill, "10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds – Science and Math Scholarship Act."
7. The Board concurred with the NSB Chairman's proposal to proceed to develop a response to Senator John McCain's request for the Board to examine existing policies of Federal science agencies concerning the suppression and distortion of research findings, and provide recommendations for strengthening such policies, if warranted.



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Executive Officer