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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to welcome you to the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate Advisory Committee (MPSAC), scheduled for Oct 23 and 24, 2019. The agenda and instructions on connecting to the meeting virtually are posted on [this meeting's website](#) and attached to this letter. Instructions on how to access the secure website with additional briefing materials for AC members were sent out last week.

The agenda for this meeting includes discussion and votes by the MPSAC on two reports of Committees of Visitors, for the Divisions of Astronomical Sciences and Materials Research, respectively, as well as on the creation of a new subcommittee for Synthetic Biology. The meeting will also include presentations of MPS's recent efforts in Broadening Participation, discussion of questions about major obstacles being faced today in science, and a meeting with the NSF Director and Chief Operating Officer. We will be welcoming a new AC chair and two new members in this first meeting of fiscal year 2020. I look forward to updating you on MPS and to hearing from you.

Tomasz Durakiewicz, Nadège Aoki, and Vanessa Simon are the liaisons for this meeting of the MPSAC. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact them by phone/email at 703-292-4892/tdurakie@nsf.gov, 703-292-4934/naoki@nsf.gov, or 703-292-2945/vsimon@nsf.gov. You should have received information concerning logistical arrangements for the meeting including registration (which you must complete for each day of your attendance at the meeting in order to receive payment).

I look forward to a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne L. Kinney'.

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