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The Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Patricia M. Knezek as the Deputy Division Director for the Division of Astronomical Sciences.

Dr. Knezek received her Ph.D. in Astronomy from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1993. From September 1992 through August 1995, she was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan, and from September 1995 through August 1997, she served as a Resident Scientist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, based in La Serena, Chile. She subsequently served as an Associate Research Scientist at The Johns Hopkins University (September 1997 – May 1999) and as an Assistant Scientist at the Space Telescope Science Institute (June 1999 – June 2001). Dr. Knezek has been a scientist employed by the National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO) and assigned to the WIYN (Wisconsin-Indiana-Yale-NOAO) Consortium, Inc. since June 2001. At the WIYN Consortium, Dr. Knezek has served as an Instrumentation Project Manager, then Deputy Director and Acting Director. She is currently on leave from NOAO while serving as Director of the WIYN Observatory, a position she has held since February 2011. Dr. Knezek has been very active as a leader in the professional astronomical community; she presently is an elected member of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) Council, and also chaired the AAS Committee on the Status of Women in Astronomy (2003 – 2007). Her research concerns the interplay between star formation and the evolution of galaxies, as well as the evolution of low surface brightness galaxies and their star formation histories. Dr. Knezek has published 55 peer-reviewed papers.

We expect Dr. Knezek to begin her appointment at NSF on March 11, 2013. Please join me in welcoming Dr. Knezek to MPS, and in thanking Dr. Dana Lehr for her service as Acting Deputy Division Director.

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