

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

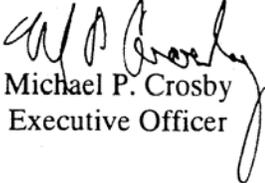
SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the November 29-30, 2006 Meeting

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 (the Board) public Web site within approximately 10 business days. A comprehensive set of Board-approved Open Session meeting minutes will be posted on the Board's public Web site following its February 2007 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 395th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-06-112) for the September 2006 meeting (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2006/0927/minutes.pdf>). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed and Closed Sessions for the September 2006 meeting of the Board were also approved.
2. The Board approved a resolution to close portions of the upcoming February 7-8, 2007 Board meeting dealing with staff appointments; future budgets; grants and contracts; specific Office of the Inspector General investigations and enforcement actions; and National Science Foundation (NSF) participation in a civil or administrative action, proceeding, or arbitration (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2007/0207/closing.pdf>).
3. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to make an award to the firm selected in the competitive procurement process to conduct the 2008 and 2010 Surveys of Doctorate Recipients (SDR). By approving the issuance of this request for proposal, the Board also approved the selection of the contractor that emerges from NSF's competitive procurement process.
4. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to make an award #0518943 to the University of Michigan for the Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID).
5. The Board approved the report, *Hurricane Warning: The Critical Need for a National Hurricane Research Initiative* (NSB-06-104) (http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/committees/hurricane/pre_publication.pdf), subject to final editing by the Board Chairman and Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering (HSE) co-chairmen.
6. The Chairman discharged the Task Force on Hurricane Science and Engineering (HSE), and thanked co-chairmen Drs. Kelvin Droegemeier and Kenneth Ford, and Drs. Daniel Hastings, Elizabeth Hoffman, and Alan Leshner.

7. The Chairman established the *ad hoc* Vannevar Bush Award Committee for the 2007 award, with Dr. Kathryn Sullivan, chairman, and Drs. Kelvin Droegemeier, Patricia Galloway, José-Marie Griffiths, and Thomas Taylor as members.
8. The Board approved the extension of the charge to the Task Force on Transformative Research (TR), which was due to expire in December 2006, through the May 2007 Board meeting.
9. The Board approved a timeline of activities for the Task Force on International Science (INT) and its plans to convene a third international roundtable discussion in Brussels during the spring of 2007.
10. The Board approved a request from the Chairman for NSF to provide the Board with additional information related to recompetition for NSF contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, interagency agreements, and the operations and management costs associated with major projects and facilities.
11. The Board approved the transmittal letter and management response for the NSF Office of Inspector General's *Semiannual Report to Congress, September 2006*.


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