The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR Part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. § 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business and other matters specified, as follows:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: National Science Board

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 9, 2008, at 8:00 a.m.; and Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation 4201 Wilson Blvd. Room 1235 Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

STATUS: Some portions open, some portions closed

OPEN SESSIONS:
December 9, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
8:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

December 10, 2008
8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CLOSED SESSIONS:
December 9, 2008
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

December 10, 2008
11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.
1:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
AGENCY CONTACT: Dr. Robert E. Webber, rwebber@nsf.gov, (703) 292-7000, http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Open Session: 8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.
- Chairman’s Introduction
- New Member Oath of Office

Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)
Open Session: 8:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- Approval of September 2008 CPP Minutes
- Committee Chairman’s Remarks
- CPP Subcommittee on Polar Issues (SOPI)
  - SOPI Chairman’s Remarks
  - Director’s Report—Office of Polar Programs
    - September Arctic Ice Cover Report
    - Maintaining High Priority Science Projects in the Face of Budget Constraints
  - Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Polar Stations
- Task Force on Sustainable Energy (SE)
  - SE Co-Chairmen’s Remarks
  - Review of Recent Stakeholder Discussions
  - Discussion of Task Force Draft Report
  - NSB Information Item: Management & Operations for National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO)
  - NSB Information Item: Update on the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI Competition)
  - NSB Information Item: Update on the Status of the Alaska Regional Research Vessel (AARV)
  - NSB Information Item: EPSCoR Program Update
  - Discussion Item: Review of MREFC Process
    - NSB Overview
    - NSF Implementation Plan
  - Proposed Changes to Committee Structure

Closed Session: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- NSB Action Item: National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NNIN)
- Award Recommendations for DataNet
- NSB Action Item: Award Recommendation DataNet-A
- NSB Action Item: Award Recommendation for DataNet-B
Committee on Audit and Oversight (A&O)
Closed Session: 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
  • Pending Investigations

Open Session: 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
  • Approval of Minutes of the August 13, 2008 Meeting
  • Committee Chairman’s Opening Remarks
  • Results of the FY 2008 NSF Financial Statement Audit
  • CFO Update
  • Recompetition of Financial Statement Audit Contract
  • Audit of Large Facility Operations Agreements: Performance and Evaluation
  • The Inspector General Reform Act of 2008: Implications for NSF

Task Force on the NSB 60th Anniversary
Open Session: 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
  • Approval of Minutes for the August 2008 Meeting
  • Approval of Minutes for the October 2008 Teleconference
  • Task Force Chairman’s Remarks
  • Further Discussion of Ideas for the NSB 60th Anniversary
  • Draft Criteria for Selection of NSF Researchers/Speakers

Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Committee on Education and Human Resources (EHR)
Open Session: 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
  • Approval of August 2008 Minutes
  • EHR Committee Charge—Proposed Revision
  • SEI Committee Charge
  • Update on the Next Generation of STEM Innovators Workshop
  • Subcommittee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI)
    o SEI Subcommittee Chairman’s Remarks
    o Revised SEI Chapter Outlines
    o Identifying Reviewers for SEI Draft Chapters
    o Electronic Publication of Appendix Tables (Volume 2)
    o Plans for Indicators Digest
    o Subcommittee Chairman’s Summary

Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB)
Open Session: 10:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.
  • Approval of CSB Minutes, August 12, 2008
  • Committee Chairman’s Remarks
  • CSB Task Force on Cost Sharing (CS)
    o Approval of Minutes
o Task Force Chairman’s Remarks
o Discussion of Federal Register Request for Public Comments
o Discussion of Draft Second Report on Cost Sharing
- Long Range Planning Presentation
- Investment Priorities from the 2006 NSF Strategic Plan

Closed Session: 11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
- Status of NSF FY 2010 Budget Development

Executive Committee
Open Session: 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes for the August 2008 Meeting
- Executive Committee Chairman’s Remarks
- Updates or New Business from Committee Members

Plenary Executive Closed
Closed Session: 1:00 p.m. – 1:10 p.m.
- Approval of September 2008 Minutes
- Approval of Honorary Awards Recipients

Plenary Closed
Closed Session: 1:10 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Approval of September 2008 Minutes
- Awards and Agreements
- Closed Committee Reports

Plenary Open
Open Session: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Approval of September 2008 Minutes
- Resolution to Close February 2009 Meeting
- Presentation by Mr. Jeffrey Nesbit
- Chairman’s Report
- Director’s Report
- Open Committee Reports

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