

## MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the August 5-6, 2009 Meeting

This memorandum is made publicly available for any interested parties to review. A more detailed summary of the meeting will be forthcoming and posted on the National Science Board (Board, NSB) public Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/>). The minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the August 2009 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval at the September 2009 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 410th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-09-54) for the May 2009 meeting (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2009/0513/minutes.pdf>). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed and Closed Sessions for the May 2009 meeting of the Board were also approved.
2. The Board approved a resolution to close portions of the upcoming September 23-24, 2009 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/2009/0923/closing.pdf>).
3. The Board authorized the NSF Acting Deputy Director, at her discretion, to make an award to the University of Chicago for the TeraGrid Extension: Bridging to XD.
4. The Board authorized the NSF Acting Deputy Director, at her discretion, to make an award to Purdue University for the George E. Brown, Jr. Network for Earthquake Engineering Simulation (NEES) Operations (FY 2010 – FY 2014).
5. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to make an award to the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy for the Approval of Construction Funding for the Advanced Technology Solar Telescope (ATST).
6. The Board approved forwarding the list of potential Board Member nominees to the President for the Board Class of 2010-2016.
7. The Board approved the FY 2011 budget request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for NSF, which includes the Board, as well as the FY 2011 budget request to OMB for the Office of the Inspector General.

8. The Board approved the “Orange Book” draft for *Science and Engineering Indicators 2010*, except for Chapter 7, subject to final edits approved by the Chairman of the Board and the chairman of the Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI).
9. The Board approved the *Digest of Key Science and Engineering Indicators 2010* “stories,” subject to final edits by the Board Chairman and the SEI chairman.
10. The Board approved the following meeting dates: December 1-2, 2010. [Other 2010 meetings were approved in May 2009.] (See: Attachment for NSB Calendar of Meetings for 2010.)
11. The Board Chairman established the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Awards to work on the Vannevar Bush Award and the NSB Public Service Award. Committee chairman and members will be announced at a future meeting.
12. The Board Chairman discharged the *ad hoc* Committee on NSB Nominations for the Class of 2010 – 2016, with thanks to Dr. Alan Leshner, chairman, and Dr. Patricia Galloway and Mr. Arthur Reilly, members.

*[signed]*  
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Acting Executive Officer

Attachment: [NSB-09-42](#), NSB Calendar of Meetings, 2010

**NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD**  
**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

**2010**

February 3 - 4  
(Wednesday – Thursday)

May 4 -5  
(Tuesday – Wednesday)  
[Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner]

August 25 - 26  
(Wednesday - Thursday)

September 23 - 24  
(Thursday - Friday)  
[Annual Retreat and Visit]

December 1 - 2  
(Wednesday - Thursday)