

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

**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the December 9-10, 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 December 2009 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval at the February 2010 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 412th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to make an award for the Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source (CHESS) and Cornell Electron Storage Ring (CESR).
2. The Board approved the recipients for the 2010 Vannevar Bush Award and the 2010 NSB Public Service Awards. The names of the awardees will be announced after they have been notified.
3. The Board approved the site of the next annual Board retreat and off-site visit to be held on September 23-24, 2010 near the Deep Underground Science and Engineering Laboratory (DUSEL) in Lead, South Dakota.
4. The Board approved the following three priorities for study over the next year: (1) NSF Data Policy, (2) Merit Review Criteria, and (3) Support of Multi-investigator and Large-Scale Research.
5. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-09-90) for the September 2009 meeting (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2009/0923/minutes.pdf>). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed (NSB-09-88) and Closed (NSB-09-89) Sessions for the September 2009 meeting of the Board were also approved.

6. The Board approved a resolution to close portions of the upcoming February 3-4, 2010 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/2010/0203/closing.pdf>) (NSB-09-94).

*[signed]*  
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