

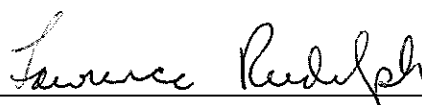
Basis for Closing
National Science Board Meetings on November 16 and 20, 2012

On November 5, 2012, the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Awards scheduled for November 16 and 20, 2012. Board Members Drs. Suresh, Arvizu, Droegemeier, Lineberger and Souvaine participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members voted “yes” to close all the meetings on November 5, 2012.

The Board Members and National Science Board Office staff including Michael Van Woert, Ann Bushmiller, Anne Ferrante and Jennie Moehlmann will attend the closed meetings. The justification for closing particular portions of the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the meetings of the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Awards of the National Science Board (NSB) scheduled for November 16 and 20, 2012, having to do with recommendations for the Vannevar Bush award and the Public Service Award may properly be closed to the public under 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(6).

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Lawrence Rudolph
General Counsel
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