

**Counsel Certification
Closure Vote Notice
National Science Board Meetings on November 19-20, 2014**

On November 10, 2014 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close portions of the November 2014 meetings of the National Science Board and its committees. Executive Committee members Drs. Córdova, Arvizu, Droegemeier, Lineberger and Sargent participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members participating voted “yes” to close the meetings. The justification for closing the meetings is provided in the attached certificate.

For the closed meetings of the Board and its subdivisions, the NSF Deputy Director, Assistant Directors, senior O/D staff members, Office Heads including O/D Office Heads, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, the applicable Executive Secretary and NSBO staff may attend in addition to the Board members. For the CPP closed meeting (involving a proposed award) the applicable Deputy Assistant Director, Division Director, and Program Officer may also attend. For the A&O closed meeting, staff preparing the presentation or who are needed to answer questions may also attend. For the CSB closed meeting (involving future budgets), the NSF CFO, the heads of the Budget Office and of OLPA and applicable senior staff from those offices may also attend. For the executive closed meeting of the Board, only the NSF Deputy Director, Board Executive Officer, Board Counsel, and Executive Secretary may attend. The Board Chair or Committee Chair may allow other necessary or appropriate attendees or restrict attendance further.

C E R T I F I C A T E

It is my opinion that the discussions in the following meetings of the National Science Board and its subdivisions may properly be closed for the reasons given.

1. CPP meeting to be held November 19, 2014. Chairman's remarks and approval of closed minutes for the August 2014 meeting to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(2), (c)(4) and (9)(b). Discussion and action on the following item: The iPlant Collaborative: Cyberinfrastructure for the Life Sciences, University of Arizona – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9) (b).

2. A&O meeting to be held November 19, 2014. Chairman's remarks and approval of the August 2014 closed minutes – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (6) and (9) (B); and NSF relocation update – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and (9) (B), and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

3. Plenary NSB meeting (closed session), to be held November 19, 2014. Approval of plenary closed minutes for the August 2014 meeting, and Chairman's report – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (4), (9) (B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k). Discussion of Risks to NSF – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § (c) (9) (B). Consideration of and action regarding the following: the iPlant Collaborative: Cyberinfrastructure for the Life Sciences – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (4) and (9) (B). Closed committee reports and Chairman's remarks -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (4), (9) (B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

4. Plenary NSB meeting (executive closed), to be held November 20, 2014. Approval of plenary executive closed minutes – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(3), (4), (9)(B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k); discussion and approval of Honorary Award committee recommendations -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(6); and Chairman's remarks -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c)(3), (4), (9)(B) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

5. CSB meeting to be held November 20, 2014. Approval of closed minutes for the August 2014 meeting – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3), (9) (b), and 42 USC § 1863 (k). FY 2016 NSF budget update – to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k); discussion of strategic reviews to inform 2017 budget development -- to be closed pursuant to 5 USC § 552b (c) (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

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