

**MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD**

**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the November 19-20, 2014 Meeting

This memorandum is made publicly available for any interested parties to review. The minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the November 2014 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/>) following Board approval.

Major actions and approvals at the 438th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the Director, at her discretion, to continue funding for "The iPlant Collaborative: Cyberinfrastructure of the Life Sciences," pursuant to the terms of resolution NSB-13-25.
2. The Board approved the recipients of the 2015 Public Service Awards. The names of the awardees will be revealed in a public announcement in the spring.
3. The Board Chairman created the *ad hoc* Discussion Group on Communications, with Dr. Vinton Cerf, lead.
4. The Board approved the transmittal letter and management response for the NSF Office of Inspector General's *Semiannual Report to Congress, September 2014*.
5. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-14-48) for the August 2014 meeting <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2014/0813/minutes.pdf>. The Board also approved the minutes for the Plenary Closed Session (NSB-14-47) for August 2014 and the Plenary Executive Closed Session (NSB-14-29) for May 2014.

*[signed]*  
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Executive Officer