

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

**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the November 8-9, 2017 Meeting

This memorandum is made publicly available for any interested parties to review. The minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the November, 2017 meeting will also be posted on the National Science Board's (Board) public website (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb>) following Board approval.

The major actions and approvals at the Board's 453<sup>rd</sup> meeting were:

1. The Board passed a resolution (**NSB-2017-42**) authorizing the Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to finalize the agency's Record of Decision regarding the Arecibo Observatory, contingent upon completion of compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act.
2. The Board approved its appointee recommendations for the NSB Class 2018-2024 for submission to the White House through the Office of Science and Technology Policy.
3. The Board selected awardees for the Vannevar Bush Award and for the NSB Public Service Award. These awardees will be publicly announced several weeks before the awards ceremony in May 2018.
4. The Board approved the *Science and Engineering Indicators 2018*, pending final edits, with a scheduled public release in January 2018.
5. The Board approved the *Science and Engineering Indicators 2018 Digest*, pending final edits, with a scheduled public release in January 2018.
6. The Board approved the charge (**NSB-2017-41**) for the [Skilled Technical Workforce Task Force](#).

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