

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

**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the February 21-22, 2018 Meeting

This memorandum is made publicly available for any interested parties to review. The minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the February 2018 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 455th meeting were:

1. The Board passed a resolution (**NSB-2018-10**) concurring with the Director's approval of changes to the National Optical Astronomy Observatory (NOAO) Federally Funded Research and Development Center necessary to integrate NOAO, Gemini Observatory and the future Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) into a single administrative framework, entitled NSF's National Center for Optical-Infrared Astronomy (NCOA).
2. The Board created the *ad hoc* Committee on Elections to receive nominations from the Board and establish a slate of candidates for the May 2018 election of Board Chair and Vice Chair.
3. The Director informed the Board of its selection of the Alan T. Waterman Award awardee. The awardee will be publicly announced before the awards ceremony in May 2018.

/s/

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