

BASIS FOR CLOSING
COMMITTEE ON AWARDS AND FACILITIES ON APRIL 3, 2019

On March 26, 2019 the Executive Committee of the National Science Board voted to close the teleconference meeting of the Committee on Awards and Facilities (A&F), scheduled for April 3, 2019 from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. EDT. Board Members Drs. Souvaine, Ochoa, Jackson and Peterson participated in the e-mail polling of the Executive Committee. All members participating voted “yes” to close the teleconference. The agenda for the first session is: Share of the NSF budget for Research Infrastructure (RI); Changes to the RI portfolio; and Use of Major Research Equipment and Facility Construction (MREFC) and Research and Related Activities (R&RA) lines for central Operations and Maintenance (O&M) funding. The agenda for the second session is: NSF’s processes and timetable for making the inaugural set of mid-scale awards; Community response to the mid-scale solicitations; and NSF’s plans for mid-scale program oversight.

The Board Members, Committee Executive Secretary and National Science Board Office staff including the Executive Officer, Liaison, and Board Counsel are expected to attend the closed teleconference meeting. The justification for closing the meeting is provided in the attached certificate.

CERTIFICATE

It is my opinion that the teleconference meeting of the A&F Committee, scheduled for April 3, 2019 may properly be closed to the public under 5 USC § 552b (c) (4), (3) and 42 USC § 1863 (k).

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