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From: Assistant Director for Geosciences RMW

Regarding: Selection of PLR Arctic Section (ARC) COV Members

The credibility of the COV mechanism rests, in large part, on the selection of credible independent experts who are able to provide balanced and impartial assessments to NSF.

The COV represented a broad segment of the disciplines consistent with the scope of activities for which the PRL/ARC Section supports. The COV contained expertise in the Geosciences including earth system science, oceanography, geology and geophysics and glaciology, the social sciences and polar logistics as it impacts the conduct of research.

Dr Douglas MacAyeal served as chair of the COV. Dr Paul Bierman served as the COV liaison to GEO Advisory Committee and will report the COV's findings and recommendations to the AC/GEO at the Spring 2014 meeting.

All conflicts of interest between any COV member and Program Directors were handled according to NSF ethics rules.

COV Members included:

Dr. Douglas MacAyeal, University of Chicago, Chair
Dr. Paul Bierman, University of Vermont, liaison to AC/GEO
Dr. John Farrell, US Arctic Research Commission
Dr. Janet Intreiri, NOAA Earth System
Dr. Martha McConnell, International Union for Conservation of Nature
Dr. Liesel Ritchie, University of Colorado Boulder
Dr. Rebecca Woodgate, University of Washington,