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Memorandum

Date: August 13, 2014

To: File

From: Assistant Director for Geosciences RMW

Regarding: Selection of EAR/SEP COV

The credibility of the COV mechanism rests, in large measure, on the selection of credible, independent experts who are able to provide balanced and impartial assessments to NSF. Prior to sending out letters of invitation to serve on the EAR/Surface Earth Processes Section (SEP) COV, the EAR Division Director and SEP Section Head were consulted regarding potential COV candidates.

The COV represented a broad segment of the disciplines consistent with the scope of activities for which the EAR/SEP Section has oversight responsibilities. The committee contained expertise in geochemistry, geobiology, geomorphology, surficial processes, sedimentology, paleontology, and hydrology.

This diverse committee included four females, one early career researcher, two minority scientists, and two individuals who have not had EAR/SEP support or any submitted proposals to EAR/SEP in the last five years. Dr. David Hyndman served as chair of the COV. Dr. Paul Bierman, the AC/GEO representative, will present the findings and recommendations of the COV panel to the Advisory Committee for Geosciences.

There were no conflicts of interest among COV members. COV members present during the review were:

Dr. David Hyndman (COV Chair),
Michigan State University

Dr. Paul Bierman (AC GEO)
University of Vermont

Dr. Russell Stands-Over-Bull
Anandarko Petroleum Corp.

Dr. Patricia Maurice
University of Notre Dame

Dr. Celina Suarez
University of Arkansas

Dr. Joanne Stubbs
University of Chicago

Dr. Elizabeth Screaton
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