

confidential, pursuant to the authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee Meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that the meeting would fall within exemption (4) of 5 U.S.C. 552(b) and that it is essential to close the meeting to protect the free exchange of views and to avoid interference with the operations of the Committee.

It is suggested that those desiring more specific information contact Advisory Committee Management Officer, Michael P. McDonald, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/606-8322.

**Michael P. McDonald,**

*Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### National Science Board

#### Sunshine Act Meetings; Notice

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR Part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice in regard to the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business and other matters specified, as follows:

**AGENCY HOLDING MEETING:** National Science Board.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.; and Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Rooms 1235 and 1295, Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge. Public visitors must arrange for a visitor's badge in advance. Call 703-292-7000 or e-mail [NationalScienceBrd@nsf.gov](mailto:NationalScienceBrd@nsf.gov) and leave your name and place of business to request your badge, which will be ready for pick-up at the visitor's desk on the day of the meeting.

**STATUS:** Some portions open, some portions closed.

#### Open Sessions

*May 4, 2010*

7:30 a.m.–7:35 a.m.  
7:35 a.m.–9 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
1 p.m.–3 p.m.

2 p.m.–3:30 p.m.  
3 p.m.–3:15 p.m.  
3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m.  
3:30 p.m.–4 p.m.

*May 5, 2010*

7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m.  
7:30 a.m.–9 a.m.  
8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m.  
9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
1:45 p.m.–3:35 p.m.

#### Closed Sessions

*May 4, 2010*

9 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
1 p.m.–2 p.m.

*May 5, 2010*

9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
1 p.m.–1:45 p.m.

**AGENCY CONTACT:** Kim Silverman, [ksilverm@nsf.gov](mailto:ksilverm@nsf.gov), (703) 292-7000, <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/>.

#### Matters To Be Discussed

**Tuesday, May 4, 2010**

##### Chairman's Introduction

Open Session: 7:30 a.m.–7:35 a.m., Room 1235

- Chairman's Remarks.

##### Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)

*Open Session: 7:35 a.m.–9 a.m., Room 1235*

- Approval of February 2010 Minutes.
- Committee Chairman's Remarks.
- Subcommittee on Polar Issues (SOPI):
  - SOPI Chairman's Remarks.
  - Director's Report—Office of Polar Programs (OPP).
  - U.S. Antarctic Program Review.
  - International State of the Arctic Meeting.
- *Discussion Item:* Review of NSB Policy on Award Thresholds requiring NSB approval.
- *CPP Task Force on Support of Mid-Scale and Multi-Investigator Research:* Status Report.
- *NSB Information Item:* iPlant.
- *NSB Information Item:* DataNet.

*Closed Session: 9 a.m.–11:30 a.m., Room 1235*

- Committee Chairman's Remarks.
- *NSB Information Item:* DUSEL—Update.
- *NSB Action Item:* Academic Research Infrastructure Recovery and Reinvestment Program (ARI-R<sup>2</sup>).
- *NSB Action Item:* NCAR Supercomputing Center Construction Project.
- *NSB Action Item:* Approval of MREFC Construction Award for the

National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON).

#### Plenary Open

*Open Session: 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Room 1235*

- Presentation by Honorary Awards Recipient:
  - NSB Public Service Award—individual, Dr. Nalini Nadkarni.

#### Committee on Audit and Oversight (A&O)

*Open Session: 1 p.m.–3 p.m., Room 1235*

- Approval of Minutes, February 3, 2010.
- Committee Chairman's Opening Remarks.
- Human Resources Update.
- Chief Financial Officer's Update. OIG Semiannual Report.
- Management Response to OIG Semiannual Report.
- Inspector General's ARRA Update.
- 2010 Financial Statement Audit.
- Future NSF Update.
- Report to the Board on the NSF Merit Review Process, FY 2009.
- Review of NSB Policy on Award Thresholds Requiring NSB Approval.
- Committee Chairman's Closing Remarks.

#### Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)

*Closed Session: 1 p.m.–2 p.m., Room 1295*

- *NSB Action Item:* Support for nine FY 2010 Research Infrastructure Improvement Program (RII) Track-1 proposed awards from the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research.

#### Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB)

*Open Session: 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m., Room 1295*

- Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF).
- Approval of SCF Teleconference Minutes, January 2010.
- Approval of SCF Teleconference Minutes, March 2010.
- Approval of SCF Teleconference Minutes, April 2010.
- SCF Chairman's Remarks.
- Overview of the Draft Report of the *NSF Facilities Portfolio Review*.
- Discussion of the Draft *NSF Facilities Portfolio Review*.
- Next Steps for Final Report.

**Task Force on the NSB 60th Anniversary**

*Open Session: 3 p.m.–3:15 p.m., Room 1235*

- Approval of Minutes, February 3, 2010.
- Task Force Chairman's Remarks.
- Updates on NSB/NSF Anniversary Activities.
  - OLP Activities including Sensational 60.
  - NSF 60th Anniversary Working Group Activities.

**Executive Committee (EC)**

*Open Session: 3:15 p.m.–3:30 p.m., Room 1235*

- Approval of February 2010 Minutes.
- Approval of the Executive Committee Annual Report.
- Executive Committee Chairman's Remarks.
- Updates or New Business from Committee Members.

**Plenary Open**

*Open Session: 3:30 p.m.–4 p.m., Room 1235*

- Presentation by Honorary Awards Recipient:
  - Vannevar Bush Award, Dr. Bruce Alberts.

**Wednesday, May 5, 2010****Committee on Education and Human Resources (CEH)**

*Open Session: 7:30 a.m.–8:30 a.m., Room 1235*

- Approval of February 2010 Minutes.
- Next Generation of STEM Innovators White Paper.
- A Comprehensive Broadening Participation in Undergraduate STEM Program.
  - Synopsis of Proposed Program.
  - Discussion.
- Other Committee Business.

**Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB)**

*Open Session: 7:30 a.m.–9 a.m., Room 1295*

- Approval of CSB Meeting Minutes from February 3 and 4, 2010.
- Chairman's Remarks.
- CSB Data Policies Task Force.
- FY 2011 Budget Request Update.
- ARRA Update.
- Strategic Plan Update.
- NSB Budget.
- Other Committee Business.

*Closed Session: 9 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Room 1295*

- FY 2012 Request Planning.
- Other Committee Business.

**Task Force on Merit Review (MR)**

*Open Session: 8:30 a.m.–9:30 a.m., Room 1235*

- Task Force Chairman's Remarks.
- Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2010 Teleconference.
- Approval of Task Force Charge and Work Plan.
- *Next Steps:* Identifying sources and types of data to consider and specific expertise needed.

**Committee on Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI)**

*Open Session: 9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m., Room 1235*

- Approval of February Minutes.
- Chairman's Remarks.
- Report on Rollout of *Indicators 2010* and Press Coverage.
- Expert Input on Measuring Scientific Knowledge and Understanding for Consideration in Future *Science and Engineering Indicators* Reports.
- Indicators Education Tool.
- Chairman's Summary.

**Plenary Open**

*Open Session: 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m., Room 1235*

- Presentation by Honorary Awards Recipients:
  - Waterman Award, Dr. Subhash Khot.
  - NSB Public Service Award—group, The Expanding Your Horizons Network.

**Plenary Executive Closed**

*Closed Session: 11:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Room 1235*

- Approval of Plenary Executive Closed Minutes, February 2010.
- Election for NSB Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**Plenary Closed**

*Closed Session: 1 p.m.–1:45 p.m., Room 1235*

- Approval of Plenary Closed Minutes, February 2010.
- Awards and Agreements—Committee on Programs and Plans Presentations.
- Closed Committee Reports.

**Plenary Open**

*Open Session: 1:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m., Room 1235*

- Recognition of the Class of 2010 and Executive Secretaries.
- Approval of Open Session Minutes, February 2010.
- Closed Session Items for August 2010 Meeting.
- Chairman's Report.

- Director's Report.
- Open Committee Reports.

**Ann Ferrante,**

*Technical Writer/Editor.*

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**NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION****Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at title 45 part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by May 28, 2010. This application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub.L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

The applications received are as follows:

1. *Applicant:* David Ainley, H.T. Harvey & Associates, 983 University Avenue, Bldg. D, Los Gatos, CA 95032. Permit Application No. 2011-002. *Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Take and Enter Antarctic