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*Directorate for Geosciences
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Memorandum

Date: August 11, 2008
To: File 
From: Assistant Director for Geosciences
Regarding: Selection of ATM/UARS COV

The credibility of the COV mechanism rests, in a large measure, 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 ATM/UARS Section has oversight responsibilities. The committee contained expertise in Aeronomy data analysis and modeling, Magnetospheric Physics data analysis and modeling, Solar Physics data analysis and modeling, and radar facilities. This diverse committee included three females, three minority scientists, two individuals from other federal agencies, one individual from industry, and three individuals who have not had ATM/UARS support or submitted any ATM/UARS proposals in the last five years. Dr. Tamas Gombosi, a member of AC/GEO, served as chair of the COV and will report the findings and recommendations of the COV panel to the Advisory Committee for Geosciences.

There were no conflicts of interest between any COV member and Program Officers.

COV members present during the meeting were:

Dr. Tamas Gombosi, University of Michigan, CHAIR and AC/GEO Member
Dr. Sarbani Basu, Yale University
Dr. Robert Clauer, National Institute of Aeronautics
Dr. Diego Janches, NorthWest Res. Ass., CoRA
Dr. Margaret Kivelson, UCLA
Dr. Kent Miller, Air Force Office of Scientific Research
Dr. Hans Nielsen, University of Alaska, Fairbanks
Dr. Wayne Scales, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Dr. David Sibeck, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
Dr. Anne Smith, National Center for Atmospheric Research
Dr. Leonard Strachan, Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics