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Memorandum

Date: July 23, 2010
To: File
From: Assistant Director for Geosciences *mac*
Regarding: Selection of EAR/IF 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. Prior to sending out the letters of invitation to serve on the EAR/Instrumentation & Facilities (IF) COV, the EAR Division Director and the Deep Earth Processes 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/IF Program has oversight responsibilities. The committee contained expertise in low temperature geochemistry, stable and radiogenic isotope geochemistry, mineral physics, igneous petrology, seismology, hydrology, and experimental geochemistry.

This diverse committee included two females, one individual from a predominantly undergraduate institution, two minority scientists, and three individuals who have not had EAR/IF support or submitted any proposals to EAR/IF in the last five years. Dr. Efi Foufoula-Georgiou and Dr. Bruce Watson, members of AC/GEO, served as co-chairs 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 among COV members. COV members present during the meeting were:

Dr. Efi Foufoula-Georgiou
University of Minnesota

Dr. Bruce Watson

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Dr. Ethan Baxter
Boston University

Dr. Cheryl Kelley
University of Missouri

Dr. Don Rimstidt
Virginia Tech

Dr. Randy Keller
University of Oklahoma

Dr. Gabriel Gwanmesia
Delaware State University

Dr. Joaquin Ruiz
University of Arizona