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Date: July 23, 2010
To: File
From: Assistant Director for Geosciences *[Signature]*
Regarding: Selection of Geosciences Education 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 managed through the Geosciences Education and Diversity programs. The committee contained expertise in both Ocean, Atmospheric, and Earth Science research sub-fields and formal (K-16) and informal science education theory and practice. This diverse committee included four females, three minority scientists (two African Americans and one Hispanic American), and representatives from a variety of institutions (including two community colleges, one museum, and one government laboratory) and regions of the country (9 states represented).

Dr. John Snow, a current member of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences (AC-GEO), served as chair of the COV. He will provide a report on the findings and recommendations of the COV panel at the next AC-GEO meeting (October 6-7, 2010).

There were no conflicts of interest between any COV member and Program Officers and COV members were not allowed access to any jackets with which they had a conflict or reviewed competitions for which they had served as a panelist or reviewer.

COV members present during the meeting were:

Dr. John Snow, Chair
The University of Oklahoma, OK

Ms. Diane Brownlee, P.G.
Brookhaven College, TX

Dr. Robert Butler
University of Portland, OR

Mr. Evan B. Forde
NOAA AOML, FL

Dr. Kirk Johnson
Denver Museum of Nature and Science, CO

Dr. Augusto Medina
University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, WI

Dr. Stacy Nelson
North Carolina State University, NC

Dr. Ann Rivet
Columbia University, NY

Dr. Jill K. Singer
SUNY - Buffalo State, NY

Ms. Deidre Sullivan
Monterey Peninsula College, CA