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To: File

From: Assistant Director for Geosciences

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "T. Delaney".

Regarding: Selection of Integrative Programs Section 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 oceanographic community involved in sea-going research. The committee contained expertise in ocean science research, marine facility operations, sea-going marine technicians, and oceanographic instrumentation. This diverse committee included four females, one minority participant (Hispanic American), and representation from geographically diverse regions.

Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Delaney, a current member of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences (AC-GEO), served as chair of the COV. She will provide a report on the findings and recommendations of the COV panel at the next AC-GEO meeting (September 8-9, 2011).

COV member and Program Officers and COV members were not allowed access to any jackets with which they had a conflict.

COV members present during the meeting were:

Dr. Peggy Delaney (Chair)
University of California, Santa Cruz

Dr. Maureen H. Conte
Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole

Ms. Mary-Lynn Dickson
University of Rhode Island (ret.)

Ms. Catalina Martinez
NOAA, Ocean Exploration and Research

Mr. Steven Rabalais
Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (ret.)

Mr. Robert (Tim) Schnoor
Office of Naval Research, Research Facilities Program

Mr. Marc Willis
Oregon State University