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*Directorate for Geosciences  
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## Memorandum

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To: File

From: Assistant Director for Geosciences

Regarding: Selection of Surface Earth Processes 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 SEP COV represented a broad segment of the disciplines consistent with the scope of activities managed through the Surface Earth Processes Section programs. The committee contained expertise in Hydrologic Sciences, Geomorphology and Land Use Dynamics, Sedimentary Geology and Paleobiology, and Geobiology and Low Temperature Geochemistry. This diverse committee included two females, two African Americans, one early faculty, and representatives from a diverse group of institutions (one museum, one minority-serving institution and one government laboratory) and regions of the country (8 states represented).

Dr. George Hornberger, a current member of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences (AC-GEO), served as chair of the COV. He will report on the findings and recommendations of the COV panel at the next AC-GEO meeting (October 13-14, 2011).

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:

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