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Memorandum

Date: 29 August 2012

To: File

From: Acting Assistant Director for Geosciences *JMAC*

Regarding: Selection of NCAR and Facilities 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 NCAR and Facilities Section (NFS) COV represented the spectrum of activities over which NFS has oversight. The committee consisted of scientists and managers of research organizations. This committee of four included one woman.

Dr. Walter Robinson, 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 in the Fall of 2012.

There were no conflicts of interest between any COV member and NFS staff or any of the NFS actions covered under this review period.

COV members were:

Walter Robinson (AC GEO and COV Chair)
Professor and Department Head
Marine, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences
North Carolina State University

Kerry Emanuel
Cecil and Ida Green Professor of Atmospheric Sciences
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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