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## **Memorandum**

Date: 25 September 2014

To: File

From: Assistant Director for Geosciences *Roz Weber*

Regarding: Selection of Deep 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 DEP COV represented a broad segment of the disciplines consistent with the scope of activities managed through the Deep Earth Processes Section programs. The committee contained expertise in Tectonics, Petrology & Geochemistry, Geophysics, and Continental Dynamics. This diverse committee included four women and one Hispanic or Latino member, represented two non-R&D 100 institutions, represented one minority-serving institution and represented seven states and two nations (UK and Germany).

Dr. Karen M. Fischer, a current member of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences (AC-GEO), served as chair of the COV. She will report on the findings and recommendations of the COV panel at the next AC-GEO meeting (October 29-30, 2014).

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 panellist or reviewer.

COV members present during the meeting were:

**Dr. Karen M. Fischer (AC-GEO and COV Chair)**  
Department of Geological Sciences  
Brown University

**Dr. Peter J. Hudleston**  
Department Geology and Geophysics  
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**Dr. Michael P. Poland**  
Geophysicist  
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**Dr. Charles (Chip) E. Leshner**  
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Department of Geological Science  
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