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Date: September 15, 2014
To: File
From: Assistant Director for Geosciences *RMW*
Regarding: Selection of OCE/IPS 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 three females, one minority participant (Hispanic American), and representation from geographically diverse regions.

Dr. Claudia Benitez-Nelson, a recent former 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.

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. Claudia Benitez-Nelson,
U. South Carolina

Ms. Mary Lynn Dickson,
CERC Research Operations Manager

Dr. Scott Harper,
Office of Naval Research

Ms. Karen Kohanowich
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