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Date: August 7, 2015  
To: File  
From: Assistant Director for Geosciences *Rmw*  
Regarding: Selection of OCE/Research and Education 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 biological oceanography, chemical oceanography, marine geology, marine geophysics, ocean education, and physical oceanography. This diverse committee included five females, two minority participants (Hispanic American), and representation from geographically diverse regions.

Dr. John W. Farrington served as Chair of the COV. He will provide a report on the findings and recommendations of the COV panel for the next AC-GEO meeting.

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

COV members present during the meeting were:

Dr. Mary-Elena Carr, New York, NY  
Dr. Gerardo Chin-Leo, Evergreen College  
Dr. John W. Farrington, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution  
Dr. Deidre M. Gibson, Hampton University  
Dr. Miguel A. Goni, Oregon State University  
Dr. Keith Julien, University of Colorado at Boulder  
Dr. Jeffrey A. Karson, Syracuse University  
Dr. Ellen E. Martin, University of Florida  
Dr. Christopher L. Sabine, NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory  
Dr. Mary-Louise E. Timmermans, Yale University  
Dr. Mary A. Voytek, National Aeronautics & Space Administration