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To: File

From: Assistant Director for Geosciences

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Royce Weber", is written over the printed name of the Assistant Director for Geosciences.

Regarding: Selection of PLR/ARC 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 Arctic research community involved in interdisciplinary, polar science. The committee contained expertise in geochemistry, climatology, hydrology, biogeochemistry, chemical oceanography, land use, archaeology, marine geology, cryospheric science, remote sensing, geography, and biological oceanography. This committee included four females, one minority participant (Hispanic American), representation from geographically diverse regions, and six had not competed for Arctic Sciences support within the last 5 years.

Dr. Roberta L. Marinelli served as Chair of the COV. She will provide a report on the findings and recommendations of the COV panel for the next AC-GEO meeting.

No COV members had proposals pending within Arctic Sciences. COV members were not allowed access to any jackets with which they had a conflict.

COV members present during the meeting were:

Dr. Rana A. Fine, University of Miami, GEO/AC Liaison
Dr. Mark O. Battle, Bowdoin College
Dr. William B. Bowden, University of Vermont
Dr. Virginia L. Butler, Portland State University
Dr. Margo H. Edwards, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
Dr. Tom A. Neumann, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center
Dr. Mark W. Williams, University of Colorado