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Regarding: Selection of membership for the Office of the Assistant Director Geosciences Education  
COV

The credibility of the COV mechanism rests, in 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 disciplines consistent with the scope of activities for which the Office of the Assistant Director (OAD) has oversight responsibilities. The committee comprised members with expertise in Geology, Hydrology, Marine Biology, GIS/Atmospheric Science and graduate education/workforce development.

The COV committee was diverse: it included two female and three male members. There were two African American members, one member of Native American heritage, and one Hispanic member. All five members of the COV had not received OAD support during the past five years; two members are employed at universities, one at a local government resource office, and one at a non-profit organization. One member previously worked at the National Science Foundation, and separated over a year before service on the COV.

There were no conflicts of interest between any COV member and the Program Directors in the Division.

The two-day COV was held May 12, 2021 through May 13, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the COV was held virtually. The members met each day from 10am EST to 4pm EST, since members were on different time zones. Dr. Luis Gonzalez, Professor at the University of Kansas, served as chair of the COV panel to the Advisory Committee for Geosciences. He attended the pre-COV webinars that OAD conducted on April 8, 2021. He was present for the entire COV meeting. He led the development of the report and circulated it to the committee for approval.



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**COV Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Institution/Organization</b>	<b>Expertise</b>
Luis Gonzalez	University of Kansas	Geology
Crystal Tulley-Cordova	Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources	Hydrology
Gisele Muller-Parker	Former NSF EHR/DGE	Marine Biology
Dave Padgett	Tennessee State University	GIS/Atmpsheric Science
Lenny Pace	Schmidt Ocean Institute	Marine Biology