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Division of Ocean Sciences

**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** October 31, 2022  
**TO:** File  
**FROM:** Dr. Alexandra R. Isern, Assistant Director, GEO/OAD  
**SUBJECT:** Selection of Integrative Programs Section COV

The credibility of the COV mechanism rests, in large measure, on the selection of independent experts who provide balanced and impartial assessments to NSF.

The COV represented a broad segment of disciplines consistent with the scope of the activities for which the Integrative Programs Section has oversight responsibilities. The committee contained expertise in ship operations, marine science, marine geology, marine geophysics, ocean instrumentation, deep sea biology, science education and facilities that support oceanographic research. The diverse committee included three women and three men, a retired representative from another federal agency, representation from geographically diverse regions, and two individuals that have not had any IPS support or submitted any IPS proposals in the last five years. Dr. Tammi Richardson (University of South Carolina) served as the chair of the COV and will report the findings and recommendations to the Advisory Committee for Geosciences.

COV members were not allowed access to any jackets or to participate in specific program discussions with which they had a conflict.

COV members present during the meeting were:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Institution/Organization</b>	<b>Sub-Area</b>
Dr. Tammi Richardson*	University of South Carolina	Marine Biology
Dr. Bradford Clement	Texas A&M University, IODP (Ret.)	Ocean Drilling
Dr. Frank Herr	Office of Naval Research (Ret.)	Ship Operations
Dr. Joanna York	University of Delaware	Science Education
Dr. Masako Tominaga	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution	Marine Seismology
Dr. Peter Girguis	Harvard University	Deep Submergence Science & Instrumentation

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