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MEMORANDUM

Division of Materials Research

Date: October 11th, 2023
From: Division Director, Division of Materials Research
Subject: Diversity and Conflict-of-Interest Report for the Division of Materials Research
FY2023 Committee of Visitors
To: Assistant Director, MPS

The Division of Materials research held its COV over the period of September 13th-15th, 2023. The COV comprised 38 members of the research and education community in materials research subdisciplines supported through the Division's programs. These individuals were chosen for their scientific expertise and their breadth of understanding of issues impacting research and education in materials research. Collectively, the COV membership represented a variety of perspectives and was balanced across the various sub-disciplines in the field. Inclusiveness in the COV membership is illustrated by the committee's geographic, institutional, and demographic diversity, as shown below:

Category	Number
<i>Member of MPS Advisory Committee</i>	1
<i>Academic Institutional Type</i>	
PhD Granting	28
PUI	1
<i>Private Organization</i>	0
<i>Industry</i>	1
<i>Government</i>	6
<i>Foreign</i>	1
<i>Location</i>	
Northeast	5
South Atlantic	7
East South Central	3
West South Central	3
East North Central	7
West North Central	2
Mountain	4
Pacific	5
International	1
<i>Female</i>	16
<i>Male</i>	22

<i>White</i>	26
<i>Asian</i>	4
<i>Hispanic</i>	3
<i>Black or African American</i>	5
<i>Native American, Alaskan</i>	0
<i>No NSF Support in Five Years</i>	11

Conflict of interest and confidentiality rules were discussed with the COV members prior to the start of the formal COV meetings. All COV members were required to complete NSF Conflict of Interest Form 1230P and to notify the division of their individual conflicts of interest. All identified conflicts were managed through the eJacket CoV module, which prevented COV members from electronically accessing any proposal with which they were conflicted. COV members were also instructed to leave the room during discussions of any actions with which they had conflicts of interest. The DMR Conflict of Interest official was available at all times during the COV process to answer questions and resolve issues.

The Division of Materials Research believes that the efforts of the COV and the COV co-Chairs, Dr. Timothy Bunning and Dr. Kathryn Moler, were outstanding in all respects. The Division staff detected no situations in which conflicts of interest were not handled properly. The Division was pleased with the quality, professionalism, and thoroughness of the COV report and its findings.