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To: File
From: Assistant Director for Geosciences
Subject: Demographics of the Division of Earth Sciences Committee of Visitors (COV)

The integrity 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 Division of Earth Sciences COV represented a broad segment of the earth science research and education community involved in observational, theoretical, laboratory, and modeling research. The committee contained expertise in Climate Change; Education and Human Resources; and Earth Science Instrumentation and Facilities; Geobiology and Low Temperature Geochemistry; Geoinformatics; Geomorphology and Land Use Dynamics; Geophysics; Hydrologic Sciences; Paleogeology; Petrology and Geochemistry; Sedimentary Geology and Paleobiology; and Tectonics.

The diverse committee included seven females, three minority participants, representation from geographically diverse regions, and representation from diverse types of research and educational institutions and sister federal agencies.

Dr. Pamela Kempton served as Chair of the COV. She will provide a report on the findings and recommendations of the COV panel for the October 2017 Advisory Committee for Geosciences meeting.

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

COV members present during the meeting included:

Dr. Pamela Kempton, Kansas State University, Chair
Dr. Rajendra Bose, Columbia University
Dr. Virginia Burkett, USGS at Reston, VA
Dr. Jacqueline Dixon, University of South Florida
Dr. Steven Driese, Baylor University
Dr. Diana Elder, Northern Arizona University
Dr. Francisco Gomez, University of Missouri-Columbia
Dr. Michael Hamburger, Indiana University, Bloomington

Dr. Bruce Houghton, University of Hawaii
Dr. Guy Hovis, Lafayette College
Dr. Steve Ingebritsen, USGS at Menlo Park, CA
Dr. Patricia Kelley, University of North Carolina Wilmington
Dr. Carla Koretsky, Western Michigan University
Dr. Carolina Lithgow-Bellicioni, University College London
Dr. Timothy Melbourne, Central Washington University
Dr. Joshua Roering, University of Oregon
Dr. James Rustad, Department of Energy