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Memorandum

Date: 05 September 2018  
To: File  
From: Assistant Director for Geosciences   
Subject: Selection of Integrative Programs Section COV

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The credibility of the COV mechanism rests, in large measure, on the selection of credible, 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 females, one representative from another federal agency, representation from geographically diverse regions and three individuals that have not had any IPS support or submitted any IPS proposals in the last five years. Captain Robert Schnoor (USN, Retired) served as the chair of the COV. Due to scheduling conflicts, Dr. Cindy Van Dover 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:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Institution/Organization</u>	<u>Sub-Area</u>
Captain Robert Schnoor*	Office of Naval Research	Ship Operations
Dr. Cindy Van Dover	Duke Marine Laboratory	Deep Sea Biology
Dr. Vicki Ferrini	Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory	Geoinformatics
Dr. Carin Ashjian	Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute	Ocean Instruments
Dr. George Matsumoto	Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute	Science Education
Dr. Lisa Tauxe	Scripps Institution of Oceanography	Marine Geology

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