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To: File
From: Assistant Director for Geosciences *William E. Ealey*
Subject: Demographics of the Education, Diversity and Polar

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 COV represented a broad segment of the STEM education and diversity community including geoscience practitioners (atmospheric, earth, ocean and polar), a social scientist and a university administrator. Organizations represented included a 2yr college, traditional 4yr institutions (including an RI and an HBCU) as well as the federal government (NOAA). The committee membership was comprised of 57% female, 43% male, and 43% underrepresented (one Hispanic and three African-American).

Dr. Berry Lyons served as COV chair. The COV will provide a report on the findings and recommendations of the COV panel at the October 2017 AC-GEO meeting. COV members were not permitted access to any jackets with which they had a conflict. COV members present during the meeting were:

Dr. Berry Lyons	The Ohio State University
Dr. David Voorhees	Waubensee Community College
Dr. Catalina Martinez	NOAA
Dr. Renetta Tull	University of MD - Baltimore County
Dr. Dionne Hoskins	Savannah State
Dr. Douglas Ealey	University of North Georgia
Dr. Victoria Hill	Old Dominion University