



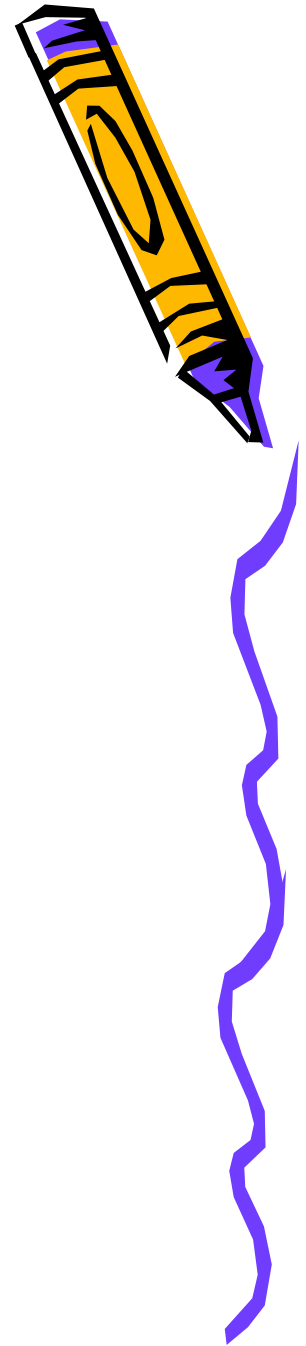
Update on the Impact of
Proposal and Award
Management Mechanisms
Working Group

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IPAMM Charge

Recommend policies and best practices to help NSF achieve appropriate balances between proposal success rates, award sizes and duration



Current IPAMM Membership

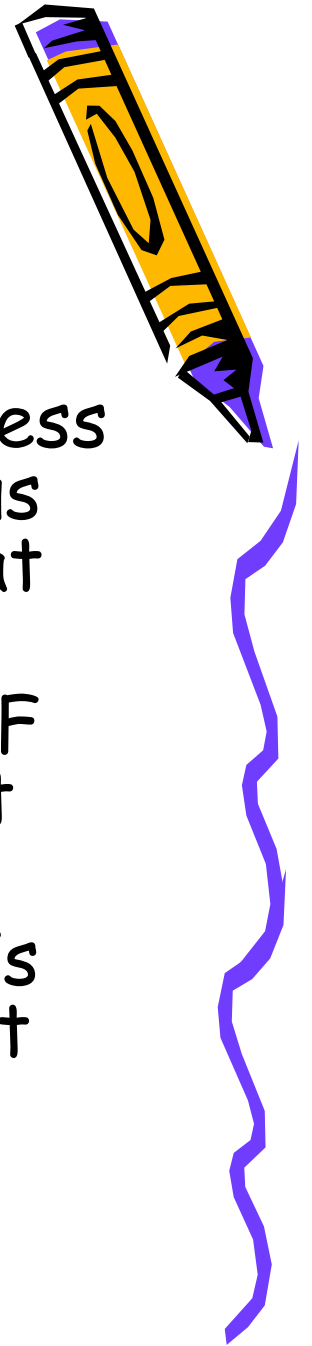
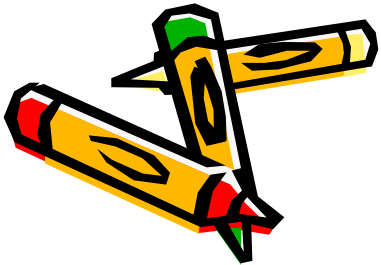


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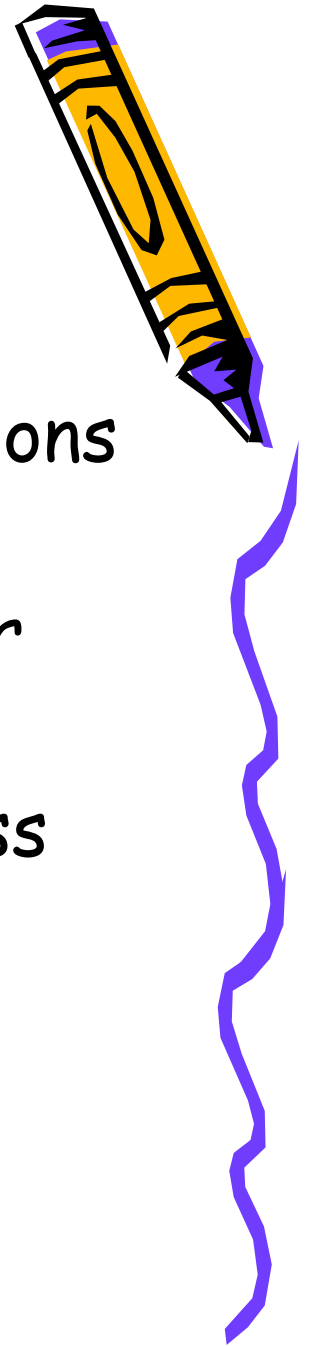
Status of IPAMM Activities

- Presented data on proposal and PI success rates, impact of solicitations, and status of funding for beginning investigators at November NSB meeting
- Currently using analyses of internal NSF data to inform the development of best practices and recommendations
- Recently conducted a survey of NSF PIs that had submitted proposals in the last three fiscal years



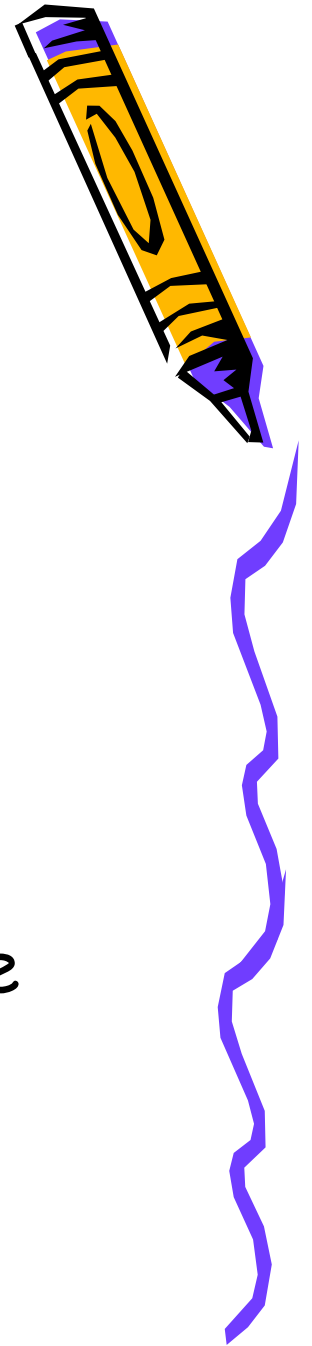
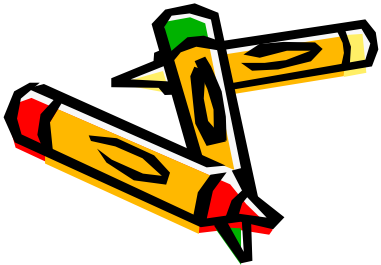
Goals of the Survey

- Identify drivers that increase submissions
- Assess impacts of increasing proposal submission rates on the PI and reviewer community
- Assess PI perceptions regarding success rates
- Identify trends in PI satisfaction



NSF Proposer Survey

- Launched on January 29, closed on February 16
- Survey invitation sent to over 43,000 individuals
- Nearly 24,500 individuals responded (56.4% response rate)
- Thousands of free-text comments were submitted



IPAMM Web Page

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Impact of Proposal and Award Management Mechanisms (IPAMM)

Background

In March 2006, NSF management created an internal working group to study the impact of proposal and award management mechanisms. The group's charter memorandum is available [here](#) in Acrobat .PDF format.

The working group, known as IPAMM, has thirteen members representing NSF's research directorates and offices, as well as the Office of Budget, Finance and Award Oversight (BFA). The current IPAMM membership roster is available [here](#).

Since its creation, the working group has made regular presentations to the National Science Board. The table below lists all related presentations, available for download in Acrobat .PDF format.

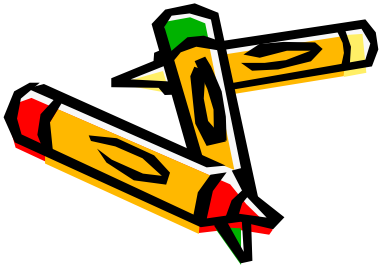
Presentation Title	Date	Presented By
Evaluating Impact of Proposal and Award Management Mechanisms	March 2006	Kathie Olsen, Deputy Director, NSF
Award Size, Duration and Success Rates	May 2006	Joanne Tornow, IPAMM Chair
IPAMM Update	September 2006	Joanne Tornow, IPAMM Chair
IPAMM Update: Initial Findings	November 2006	Joanne Tornow, IPAMM Chair

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Case Studies

- Human and Social Dynamics Priority Area
- Mathematical Sciences Priority Area
- IGERT
- ENG
- CISE/IIS
- GEO/EAR



Next Steps for IPAMM

- Complete analyses of survey, incorporate findings into the overall data analyses
- Run full focus groups with NSF Program Directors to validate results of survey and data analyses (spring 2007)
- Prepare draft report containing recommendations and best practices, to be presented to the NSB at the August 2007 meeting

