

MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

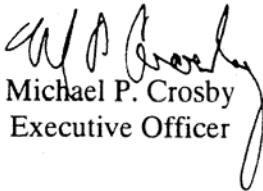
SUBJECT: Major Actions and Approvals at the August 10, 2006 Meeting

This memorandum will be made publicly available for any interested parties to review. A more detailed summary of the meeting will be posted on the National Science Board (the Board) public Web site within approximately 10 business days. A comprehensive set of Board-approved Open Session meeting minutes will be posted on the Board's public Web site following its September 2006 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 393rd meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session ([NSB-06-64](#)) for the May 2006 meeting (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2006/0509/minutes.pdf>). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed and Closed Sessions for the May 2006 meeting of the Board were also approved.
2. The Board approved a resolution to close portions of the upcoming September 27-28, 2006 Board meeting dealing with staff appointments; future budgets; grants and contracts; specific Office of the Inspector General investigations and enforcement actions; and National Science Foundation participation in a civil or administrative action, proceeding, or arbitration (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2006/0927/closing.pdf>).
3. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to make an award to provide support to Michigan State University for the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory (NSCL) for FY 2007 – 2011.
4. The Board authorized the NSF Director, at his discretion, to make an award to the Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) at the University of Texas at Austin for the World-Class Science through World Leadership in High Performance Computing for a period of 4 years after deployment.
5. The Board approved resolutions for the FY 2008 budget requests to the Office of Management and Budget for the NSF Office of the Inspector General, the National Science Board, and the National Science Foundation.

6. The Chairman introduced eight new Presidential Nominees to the Board: Dr. Mark Abbott, Oregon State University; Dr. Camilla Benbow, Vanderbilt University's Peabody College; Dr. John T. Bruer, The James S. McDonnell Foundation; Dr. Patricia Galloway, Nielsen-Wurster Group, Inc.; Dr. José-Marie Griffiths, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Dr. Karl Hess, Beckman Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana; Dr. Thomas N. Taylor, University of Kansas; and Dr. Richard Thompson, University of Southern California. The Chairman also announced the recent nomination of Mr. Arthur Reilly, Cisco Systems, Inc.
7. The Chairman announced that, based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, he selected Corvallis, Oregon as the site of the annual Board retreat, visit, and off-site meeting on February 7-8, 2007.
8. The Chairman also announced the appointment of Members to serve on the *ad hoc* Committee on NSB Nominations for the Class of 2008 – 2014 to be Dr. Wayne Clough, chairman, with Drs. Daniel Hastings, Elizabeth Hoffman, Alan Leshner, and Douglas Randall as members. The Board Chairman, Vice Chairman, and NSF Director will serve as *ex officio* members.
9. The Board accepted the *National Science Foundation Facility Plan, July 2006* subject to final edits to be approved by the Board Chairman and the chairman of the Committee on Programs and Plans.
10. The Board approved the draft *National Science Foundation Strategic Plan for FY 2006 – 2011* subject to final editorial changes resulting from Board discussions and recommended changes by the NSF Director, which are approved by the Board Chairman and the chairman of the Committee on Strategy and Budget prior to transmittal by NSF to the Office of Management and Budget.


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