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From: Assistant Director for Geosciences *JM*

Regarding: Selection of Geosciences Education COV

The credibility 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 disciplines consistent with the scope of activities managed through the Geosciences Education and Diversity programs. The committee contained expertise in both .... This diverse committee included four females, four minority scientists (including one hearing-impaired individual),

Dr. Robert Harriss, a former member of the Advisory Committee for Geosciences (AC-GEO), served as chair of the COV. He will be invited to the next AC-GEO meeting to report the findings and recommendations of the COV panel.

There were no conflicts of interest between any COV member and Program Officers and COV members were not allowed access to any jackets with which they had a conflict or reviewed competitions for which they had served as a panelist or reviewer.

COV members present during the meeting were:

Dr. Robert Harriss, Chair  
Houston Advanced Research Center, TX

Dr. Christopher Castro  
Department of Atmospheric Science  
University of Arizona, AZ

Dr. Michele Cooke  
Geosciences Department

University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA

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