

## MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD


**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the February 6-7, 2008 Meeting

This memorandum will be made publicly available for any interested parties to review. A more detailed summary of the meeting will be forthcoming and posted on the National Science Board (Board) public Web site. A comprehensive set of Board-approved Plenary Open Session meeting minutes will be posted on the Board's public Web site following the March 2008 meeting of the Board.

Major actions and approvals at the 402nd meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-07-139) for the December 2007 meeting (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2007/1205/minutes.pdf>). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed and Closed Sessions for the December 2007 meeting of the Board were also approved.
2. The Board approved a resolution to close portions of the upcoming March 26-27, 2008 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 (NSF) participation in a civil or administrative action, proceeding, or arbitration (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2008/0326/closing.pdf>).
3. The Board approved the recipients for the 2007 Vannevar Bush Award and the NSB Public Service Awards. Awardees will be announced after the Board Chairman has notified the awardees of their selection.
4. The Board approved a "Report to Congress on Cost Sharing Policies at NSF" (NSB-08-17) [http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2008/rprt\\_congress\\_cs\\_policy.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2008/rprt_congress_cs_policy.pdf).
5. The Board approved a "Report to Congress on Pre-construction Funding and Maintenance and Operations Costs Associated with Major Research Equipment and Facilities at NSF" (NSB-08-15).
6. The Board approved a Resolution on Competition and Recompetition of NSF Awards (NSB-08-12) [http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2008/nsb0812\\_comp\\_recomp.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2008/nsb0812_comp_recomp.pdf).
7. The Board approved a Statement on Competition, Recompetition, and Renewal of NSF Awards (NSB-08-16) [http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2008/nsb0816\\_statement.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2008/nsb0816_statement.pdf).

8. The Board approved the Guidance for NSF Average Award Size and Duration, and Proposal Success Rate” (NSB-08-14)  
[http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2008/nsb0814\\_avg\\_awd.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/publications/2008/nsb0814_avg_awd.pdf) .
9. The Chairman discharged the Committee on Programs and Plans, Task Force on International Science with thanks to Dr. Jon Strauss, chairman, and task force members Drs. Dan Arvizu, Ray Bowen, Patricia Galloway, Karl Hess, Alan Leshner, Thomas Taylor, and Mr. Arthur Reilly.



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