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Dr. Louise Kellogg, AS COV Co-Chair; AC/GEO Chair

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Dear Dr. Kellogg:

Thank you for submitting the report of the Committee of Visitors (COV) for the Atmosphere Section (AS) in the Division of Atmospheric and Geospace Sciences (AGS) which was held April 9-10, 2013.

I am grateful to each Member of the COV Team for their individual and collective time and energy given to the COV process. You should know that you were specifically chosen to serve on the COV based not only on your reputation as a skilled researcher, but also on your demonstrated qualities of collegiality, openness to new ideas and perspectives, and insights as to emerging trends in the geosciences.

I was delighted to learn that you concluded that the Section science programs are well managed and I am particularly appreciative of your constructive suggestions for improvements. Your efforts represent invaluable service and assistance to the Foundation by independently, objectively, and candidly assessing how the Section is measuring up to its obligations under the NSF mission of service to the public. Your advice will help us balance the near term and long-range strategic science and management objectives of the National Science Foundation.

I recognize that your contribution went far beyond the two days of face-to-face COV meetings and that your labors actually began several weeks earlier with the review of each AS science program’s portfolio of awards and decline. You demonstrated first-rate professionalism and uncommon grace in your approach to the COV responsibilities under the stressful conditions of a tightly constrained work schedule and by quickly mastering many aspects of the Foundation’s electronic business operations. Remarkably, you accomplished all of this despite the various challenges presented by conducting some of the COV meetings by group teleconferencing spanning several time zones.

You are a valued colleague to us at the National Science Foundation and a credit to your institution and the broader international community of scholars because of your sound judgment and wise counsel. You have our deepest respect and appreciation for all of your hard work on behalf of the science community and the Nation.

Once again, thank you for your time and effort.

 Sincerely,

 Roger Wakimoto

 Assistant Director

Enclosure

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