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Dear Colleagues:

I begin this brief note by again expressing my gratitude for your dedicated service to our research community and to NSF as members of the Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences Advisory Committee (MPSAC).

I am writing about two items that I have already sent you less formally in an email.

- When I step down on January 13, Jim Ulvestad, the current Division Director of Astronomical Sciences will become the Acting Assistant Director for Mathematical and Physical Sciences. Jim has agreed to serve while we complete the search for and appointment of a new AD. I appreciate Jim's taking on this role. The Director announced his appointment recently, and he and I are busy working on the change over. The Deputy Division Director for Astronomical Sciences, Ralph Gaume, will serve as the Acting Division Director for AST.
- We will have a brief virtual MPSAC meeting on **January 25, 2017 at 1 PM**. John and Chris will contact you with additional information.

John Gillaspay and Christopher (Chris) Coox are the liaisons for the MPSAC. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact them at 703-292-8800 or at jgillasp@nsf.gov. Chris will send to you information concerning logistical arrangements for the meetings. You may reach Chris at ccooc@nsf.gov or at 703-292-5137 for more information.

I look forward to you having an efficient meeting under Jim's leadership in January. Finally, thank you again for your service. It has been a real pleasure working with you.

Sincerely,

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