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Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to welcome you to the Mathematical and Physical Sciences Directorate Advisory Committee (MPSAC), scheduled for May 2 and 3, 2019. The agenda will be posted on [this meeting's website](#) and a draft version is attached to this letter. Instructions on how to access the secure website with additional briefing materials for the AC will be sent out by COB April 26.

The agenda for this meeting focuses on informing the AC of updates related to MPS including the implementation of NSF's Quantum Leap Big Idea, the possibility of a Synthetic Biology subcommittee, and the role of communications and branding in NSF's general practice. The agenda also includes discussion on current topics relevant to MPS's internal and external collaborative efforts, including a joint session with the Advisory Committee for the Office of Polar Programs. I look forward to updating you on MPS and to hearing from you.

Tomasz Durakiewicz, Nadège Aoki, and Chris Coox are the liaisons for the MPSAC. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact them by phone/email at 703-292-4892/tdurakie@nsf.gov, 703-292-4934/naoki@nsf.gov, or 703-292-5137/ccoox@nsf.gov. You should have received information concerning logistical arrangements for the meeting from Chris, including registration (which you must complete for each day of your attendance at the meeting in order to receive payment).

I look forward to a productive meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anne L. Kinney'.

Anne L. Kinney
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