

## MEMORANDUM TO MEMBERS AND CONSULTANTS OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

**SUBJECT:** Major Actions and Approvals at the July 17-18, 2012 Meeting

This memorandum is 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, NSB) public Web site (<http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/>). The minutes of the Plenary Open Session for the July 2012 meeting will also be posted on the Board's public Web site following Board approval at the December 2012 meeting.

Major actions and approvals at the 427th meeting of the Board included the following (not in priority order):

1. The Board authorized the Director, at his discretion, to include the construction of the Large Synoptic Survey Telescope (LSST) in a future budget. (NSB-12-31)
2. The Board authorized the Director, at his discretion, to continue to support the management and operation of the *JOIDES Resolution* Scientific Drillship. (NSB-12-32)
3. The Board authorized Dr. Clifford Gabriel, at his discretion, to make an award to Florida State University for the support of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. (NSB-12-34)
4. The Board approved the following schedule of meetings for calendar year 2013: February 20-21, May 9-10, August 15-16, September 19-20, and November 21-22. (NSB-12-39) (Attachment)
5. The Board approved the Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB), Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF) report, *National Science Board Annual Portfolio Review*. (NSB-12-44)
6. The Board approved the second Companion Piece to *Science and Engineering Indicators 2012* entitled, *Diminishing Funding and Rising Expectations: Trends and Challenges for Public Research Universities*. (NSB-12-45)
7. The Board Chairman established the *ad hoc* Committee on Honorary Awards with Dr. Leshner, chairman, and Drs. Bowen, Gulari, and Sargent, members.
8. The Board Chairman discharged the Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP), Task Force on Unsolicited Mid-Scale Research (MS) with thanks to Drs. Souvaine and Droegemeier, co-chairmen, and Drs. Benbow, Griffiths, and Taylor, members.

9. The Board approved the minutes of the Plenary Open Session (NSB-12-27) for the May 2012 meeting ([www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2012/0717\\_2/minutes.pdf](http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/2012/0717_2/minutes.pdf)). Minutes for the Plenary Executive Closed (NSB-12-25) and Plenary Closed Sessions (NSB-12-26) for the May 2012 meeting of the Board were also approved.

*[signed]*  
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Executive Officer

**NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD**

**CALENDAR OF MEETINGS**

**2013**

February 20 - 21  
(Wednesday - Thursday)

May 9 - 10  
(Thursday - Friday)  
[Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner]

August 15 - 16  
(Thursday - Friday)

September 19 - 20  
(Thursday - Friday)  
[Annual Retreat and Visit]

November 21 - 22  
(Thursday - Friday)