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Memorandum

Date: September 30, 2014

To: File

From: Assistant Director for Geosciences

Regarding: Selection of AGS Geospace Section COV

The credibility of the COV mechanism rests, in a large measure, on the selection of credible, independent experts who are able to provide balanced and impartial assessments to NSF.

The COV represented a broad segment of the disciplines consistent with the scope of activities for which the AGS/GS Section has oversight responsibilities. The committee contained expertise in Aeronomy data analysis and modeling, Magnetospheric Physics data analysis and modeling, Solar Physics data analysis and modeling, radar experiments and facilities, and CubeSat projects. This diverse committee included five females, one minority scientist, one individual from another federal agency, and four individuals who have not had AGS/GS support or submitted any AGS/GS proposals in the last five years. Dr. Harlan Spence, a member of AC/GEO, served as chair of the COV and will report the findings and recommendations of the COV panel to the Advisory Committee for Geosciences. While not physically present during the meeting, Dr. Spence took part in several pre-meeting telecons, was thoroughly briefed by the co-chair, had an in-person debriefing at NSF, wrote the summary of the report and circulated it to the committee for approval.

There were no conflicts of interest between any COV member and Program Officers in the section.

COV members present during the meeting were:

Member	Home Institution	Sub-Area(s)
Cristina Cadavid	California State University, Northridge	STR
Eric Donovan	University of Calgary	MAG

Maura Hagan (co-chair)	National Center for Atmospheric Research	AER/GF
Carlos Martinis	Boston University	GF/AER
Tomoko Matsuo	CIRES University of Colorado	SWx
Susan Nossal	University of Wisconsin	SWx
Nick Omidi	Solana Scientific Inc.	MAG
John Sahr	University of Washington	AER/GF
Barbara Thompson	NASA Goddard Space Flight Center	STR