

**RECESS:** 3:30 p.m.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Thursday, November 19, 2015.

**PLACE:** Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street (All visitors must use Diagonal Road Entrance), Alexandria, VA 22314-3428.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Corporate Stabilization Fund Quarterly Report.
2. 2016/2017 Annual Performance Plan.
3. NCUA Rules and Regulations, Chartering and Fields of Membership.
4. NCUA's 2016/2017 Operating Budget and 2016/2017 Corporate Stabilization Fund Oversight Budget.
5. 2016 Overhead Transfer Rate.
6. 2016 Operating Fee Assessment Scale.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gerard Poliquin, Secretary of the Board, Telephone: 703-518-6304.

**Gerard Poliquin,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings; National Science Board

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of meetings for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

**DATE AND TIME:** November 18, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and November 19, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:10 p.m. (EST).

**PLACE:** These meetings will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230. All visitors must contact the Board Office (call 703-292-7000 or send an email message to [nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov](mailto:nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov)) at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and provide name and organizational affiliation. Visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk located in the lobby at the 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance to receive a visitor's badge.

**WEBCAST INFORMATION:** Public meetings and public portions of meetings will be webcast. To view the meetings, go to <http://www.tvworldwide.com/events/nsf/151118/> and follow the instructions.

**UPDATES:** Please refer to the National Science Board Web site for additional

information. Meeting information and schedule updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) may be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp>.

**AGENCY CONTACT:** Ron Campbell, [jrcampbe@nsf.gov](mailto:jrcampbe@nsf.gov), (703) 292-7000.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONTACT:** Nadine Lynn, [nlynn@nsf.gov](mailto:nlynn@nsf.gov), (703) 292-2490.

**STATUS:** Portions open; portions closed.

**OPEN SESSIONS:**

**November 18, 2015**

8-8:30 a.m. (Plenary introduction, Chair and Director Reports)

8:30-9 a.m. (AO)

9:55-11:55 a.m. (CPP)

12:55-2 p.m. (SEI)

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8:30-9:15 a.m. (AB)

9:15-9:35 a.m. (SCF)

9:35-10:10 a.m. (CSB)

11:50 a.m.-12:10 p.m. (NPP)

1:10-1:55 p.m. (CEH)

1:55-2:10 p.m. (Plenary)

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

**November 18, 2015**

9-9:45 a.m. (AO)

2-2:45 p.m. (NPP)

3-3:50 p.m. (CPP)

3:50-4:30 p.m. (Plenary closed)

4:30-5 p.m. (Plenary executive closed)

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10:20-11:50 a.m. (CPP/SCF joint meeting)

**MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

*Plenary Board Meeting*

Open Session: 8-8:30 a.m.

- Introduction and NSB Chair's Report
- NSF Director's Report

*Committee on Audit & Oversight (AO)*

Open Session: 8:30-9 a.m.

- AO Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of August 2015 open meeting minutes
- Approval of OIG Semiannual Report to Congress
- Inspector General's update
- Chief Financial Officer's update
- AO Chair's closing remarks

*Audit and Oversight Committee*

Closed Session: 9-9:45 a.m.

- AO Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of August 2015 closed AO meeting minutes
- Report on status of National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) study
- AO Chair's closing remarks

*Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)*

Open Session: 9:55-11:55 a.m.

- CPP Chair's opening remarks
  - Update: CY 2015 schedule of planned action and information items; update for the August 2015 meeting
  - CY 2016 Schedule of Planned Action and Information Items
  - Update: National Nanotechnology Coordinated Infrastructure (NNCI)
  - iPlant Status update
- Approval of open CPP meeting minutes for the August 2015 meeting
- Overview of Geosciences Infrastructure Investments: Status and Timelines
- Information Item: High Performance Computing (HPC)
- NSB Recompensation Policy and Statement
- Report on NSB Antarctic Site Visit
- CPP Chair's closing remarks

*Committee on Science & Engineering Indicators (SEI)*

Open Session: 12:55-2 p.m.

- SEI Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of the open SEI August 2015 meeting minutes
- Discussion and approval of the 2016 Overview and Digest
- Update on the 2016 digital *Indicators*
- Discussion of 'companion briefs' (formerly 'vignettes')
- Discussion of *Indicators* future directions: possible 2016 workshop
- SEI Chair's closing remarks

*Ad hoc Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans (NPP)*

Closed Session: 2-2:45 p.m.

- NPP Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of closed teleconference minutes of October 8 and October 23, 2015
- NSF Director's update on NEON
- Update on NPP Task Force activities and next steps
- NPP Chair's closing remarks

*Committee on Programs and Plans (CPP)*

Closed Session: 3-3:50 p.m.

- CPP Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of closed CPP minutes for August 2015 meeting
- Action Item: National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO)
- CPP Chair's closing remarks

*Plenary Board Meeting*

Closed Session: 3:50-4:30 p.m.

- NSB Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of closed plenary minutes for August 2015

- Approval of NRAO preliminary resolution
- NSF Director's report
- Closed committee reports
- NSB Chair's closing remarks

#### Plenary Board Meeting

Executive Closed Session: 4:30–5 p.m.

- NSB Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of executive closed session minutes for August 2015
- Elect four members to the Elections Committee (to nominate candidates for May 2016 elections of NSB Chair, Vice-Chair, and two Executive Committee members)
- Approval of Honorary Awards recommendations
- Report from the NOMS Committee
- Board member NSF grant awards
- NSB Chair's closing remarks

#### MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

#### Thursday, November 19, 2015

##### Working Group on Administrative Burdens (AB)

Open Session: 8:30–9:15 a.m.

- AB Working Group Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of open AB working group minutes for August 2015
- Discussion of National Academies of Science Report
- AB Working Group Chair's closing remarks

##### Subcommittee on Facilities (SCF)

Open Session: 9:15–9:35 a.m.

- SCF Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of open SCF teleconference minutes from November 2, 2015
- Discussion of SCF's role and charge
- SCF Chair's closing remarks

##### Committee on Strategy and Budget (CSB)

Open Session: 9:35–10:10 a.m.

- CSB Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of CSB open minutes for the August 2015 meeting
- Approval of the 2014 Annual Portfolio Review
- Information Item: NSF International Strategy

##### GPP/SCF Joint Meeting

10:20–11:50 a.m.

- CPP Chair's opening remarks
- Discussion: The Evolving Needs of Science and Engineering Infrastructure
- Antarctic Infrastructure Modernization for Science (AIMS) update

##### Ad hoc Task Force on NEON Performance and Plans (NPP)

Open Session: 11:50 a.m.–12:10 p.m.

- NPP Chair's opening remarks
- NPP Chair's report on NPP activities
- Discussion: New NSB product for monitoring large facilities

##### Committee on Education and Human Resources (CEH)

Open Session: 1:10–1:55 p.m.

- CEH Chair's opening remarks
- Approval of CEH open minutes for the August 2015 meeting
- Vision and plan for grand challenges in STEM education
- CEH Chair's closing remarks

##### Plenary Board Meeting

Open Session: 1:55–2:10 p.m.

- NSB Chair's opening remarks
- NSF Director's remarks
- Approval of plenary open session minutes for August 2015 meeting
- Approval of the 2014 Annual Portfolio Review
- Confirm *ad hoc* Honorary Awards Committee as a standing committee
- Approval of the 2016 SEI Overview and Digest
- Approval of the OIG Semiannual Report to Congress
- Open committee reports
- NSB Chair's closing remarks

**MEETING ADJOURNS:** 2:10 p.m.

##### Kyscha Slater-Williams,

*Program Specialist, National Science Board.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.  
**ACTION:** Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish a notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by December 14, 2015. This

application may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Division of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nature McGinn, ACA Permit Officer, at the above address or [ACApermits@nsf.gov](mailto:ACApermits@nsf.gov) or (703) 292-7149.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), as amended by the Antarctic Science, Tourism and Conservation Act of 1996, has developed regulations for the establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Antarctic Specially Protected Areas.

#### Application Details

##### 1. Applicant

Permit Application: 2016-019

Dr. Diana H. Wall, School of Global Environmental Sustainability, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1036.

##### Activity for Which Permit Is Requested

ASP entry, Import. Applicant wishes to enter Cape Royds ASPA 121 to collect soil samples and associated invertebrates as well as benthic algal mats and underlying soil. This project follows up on several past surveys of orthinogenic soils conducted in this ASPA which examined invertebrate genetic distribution, and also explores the influence of climate change on soil invertebrate populations. The algae sampling is to also follow up on previous surveys, to examine the temporal stability of lake algal communities in the region. Soil samples of approximately 600 grams each would be collected at up to 30 sites within the ASPA using sterile collecting techniques. For benthic algae, at 6 sites along the shore of Poly Lake, the applicant and team would use a sanitized 2 cm copper coring apparatus to collect, by hand, 4 replicates of surface algal mats and 1–2 cm of underlying sediment. Samples would be transported back to the US for further study.

##### Location

ASPAs 121 Cape Royds