

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. Share Insurance Fund Quarterly Report.
2. Board Briefing, Appointment of Administrative Law Judges.
3. NCUA Rules and Regulations, Real Estate Appraisals.
4. Texas Member Business Loan Rule.

RECESS: 11:00 a.m.

TIME AND DATE: 11:15 a.m., Thursday, September 20, 2018.

PLACE: Board Room, 7th Floor, Room 7047, 1775 Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22314–3428.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Supervisory Action. Closed pursuant to Exemptions (4), and (8).

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

Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub., L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Proposal Review Panel for International Science and Engineering—PIRE ” DUST stimulated drawn-down of atmospheric CO₂ as a trigger for Northern Hemisphere Glaciation” Site Visit (#10749).

Date and Time:

October 15, 2018, 8:00 a.m.–8:30 p.m.
October 16, 2018, 8:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Place: University of Rochester River Campus, Hutchison Hall, Room 229, Hutchison Road, Rochester, NY 14620.

Type of Meeting: Part Open.

Contact Person: Charles Estabrook, PIRE Program Manager, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; Telephone 703/292–7222.

Purpose of Meeting: NSF site visit to conduct a review during year 2 of the five-year award period. To conduct an in-depth evaluation of performance, to

assess progress towards goals, and to provide recommendations.

Agenda: See attached.

Reason for Closing: Topics to be discussed and evaluated during closed portions of the site review will include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; and information on personnel. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C.552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 12, 2018.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

PIRE Site Visit Agenda—Garziona—University of Rochester

Day 1

- 8:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Introductions
PIRE Rationale and Goals
Administration, Management, and Budget Plans
- 10:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m. NSF Executive Session/Break (CLOSED)
- 10:20 a.m.–Noon Research Accomplishments and Impacts to date
- Facilities and Physical Infrastructure
Noon–12:30 p.m. NSF Executive Session (CLOSED)
- 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Lunch—
Discussion with Students (CLOSED)
- 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Integrating Research and Education Program Assessment and Improvement Based on Feedback Integrating diversity and fostering cross-cultural and interdisciplinary collaborations
- 3:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. NSF Executive Session/Break (CLOSED)
- 3:30 p.m.–4:15 p.m. International Partnerships
- 4:15 p.m.–5:15 p.m. Wrap up
- 5:15 p.m.–6:15 p.m. Executive Session/Break-Develop issues for clarification (CLOSED)
- 6:15 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Critical Feedback Provided to PI (CLOSED)
- 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m. NSF Executive Session/Working Dinner (CLOSED)

Day 2

- 8:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m. Summary/
Proposing Team Response to Critical Feedback (CLOSED)
- 9:00 a.m.–10:00 a.m. Institutional Support
- 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Site Review Team Prepares Site Visit Report (CLOSED)
(Working Lunch Provided)
- 1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Presentation of Site Visit Report to Principal Investigator (CLOSED)

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Intent To Seek Approval To Extend an Information Collection

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is announcing plans to request clearance of this collection. In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are providing opportunity for public comment on this action. After obtaining and considering public comment, NSF will prepare the submission requesting that OMB approve clearance of this collection for no longer than three years.

DATES: Written comments on this notice must be received by November 16, 2018 to be assured of consideration. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

For Additional Information or Comments: Contact Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone (703) 292–7556; or send email to splimpto@nsf.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays). You also may obtain a copy of the data collection instrument and instructions from Ms. Plimpton.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Grantee Reporting Requirements for Science and Technology Centers (STC); Integrative Partnerships.

OMB Number: 3145–0194.

Expiration Date of Approval: October 31, 2018.

Type of Request: Intent to seek approval to extend an information collection.

Abstract:

Proposed Project: The Science and Technology Centers (STC); Integrative Partnerships Program supports innovation in the integrative conduct of research, education and knowledge transfer. Science and Technology Centers build intellectual and physical infrastructure within and between disciplines, weaving together knowledge creation, knowledge integration, and knowledge transfer. STCs conduct world-class research through partnerships of academic institutions, national laboratories, industrial organizations, and/or other

public/private entities. New knowledge thus created is meaningfully linked to society.

STCs enable and foster excellent education, integrate research and education, and create bonds between learning and inquiry so that discovery and creativity more fully support the learning process. STCs capitalize on diversity through participation in center activities and demonstrate leadership in the involvement of groups underrepresented in science and engineering.

Centers selected will be required to submit annual reports on progress and plans, which will be used as a basis for performance review and determining the level of continued funding. To support this review and the management of a Center, STCs will be required to develop a set of management and performance indicators for submission annually to NSF via an NSF evaluation technical assistance contractor. These indicators are both quantitative and descriptive and may include, for example, the characteristics of center personnel and students; sources of financial support and in-kind support; expenditures by operational component; characteristics of industrial and/or other sector participation; research activities; education activities; knowledge transfer activities; patents, licenses; publications; degrees granted to students involved in Center activities; descriptions of significant advances and other outcomes of the STC effort. Part of this reporting will take the form of a database which will be owned by the institution and eventually made available to an evaluation contractor. This database will capture specific information to demonstrate progress towards achieving the goals of the program. Such reporting requirements will be included in the cooperative agreement which is binding between the academic institution and the NSF.

Each Center's annual report will address the following categories of activities: (1) Research, (2) education, (3) knowledge transfer, (4) partnerships, (5) diversity, (6) management and (7) budget issues.

For each of the categories the report will describe overall objectives for the year, problems the Center has encountered in making progress towards goals, anticipated problems in the following year, and specific outputs and outcomes.

Use of the Information: NSF will use the information to continue funding of the Centers, and to evaluate the progress of the program.

Estimate of Burden: 100 hours per center for twelve centers for a total of 1,200 hours.

Respondents: Non-profit institutions; federal government.

Estimated Number of Responses per Report: One from each of the twelve centers.

Comments: Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 12, 2018.

Suzanne H. Plimpton,

Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 34-84077; File No. SR-NYSE-2018-33]

Self-Regulatory Organizations; New York Stock Exchange LLC; Order Approving a Proposed Rule Change To Amend Rule 2 To Remove Requirement That a Registered Broker-Dealer Be a Member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. or Another National Securities Exchange

September 11, 2018.

I. Introduction

On July 25, 2018, the New York Stock Exchange LLC ("Exchange" or "NYSE") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 19(b)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act")¹ and Rule 19b-4 thereunder,² a proposed rule change to amend Rule 2, "Member," "Membership," "Member Firm," etc., to remove the requirement that a registered broker-dealer be a member of the

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA") or another national securities exchange. The proposed rule change was published for comment in the **Federal Register** on August 3, 2018.³ The Commission received one comment letter on the proposed rule change.⁴ This order approves the proposed rule change.

II. Description of the Proposed Rule Change

As described in more detail in the Notice,⁵ the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 2 to remove a requirement that a registered broker-dealer be a member of FINRA or another national securities exchange to become a member of the Exchange. The Exchange proposes to amend Rule 2(b)(i) to define "member organization" as a "registered broker or dealer (unless exempt pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) . . . , including sole proprietors, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, corporations, and limited liability corporations, approved by the Exchange pursuant to Rule 311. A registered broker or dealer must also be approved by the Exchange and authorized to designate an associated natural person to effect transactions on the floor of the Exchange or any facility thereof." Furthermore, the Exchange proposes to amend Rule 2(b)(ii) to state: "[t]he term 'member organization' also includes any registered broker or dealer which does not own a trading license and agrees to be regulated by the Exchange as a member organization and which the Exchange has agreed to regulate." The Exchange noted that this proposed change will not result in "any regulatory impact because member organizations will continue to be subject to a comprehensive regulatory regime regardless of whether they are a member of another [self-regulatory organization] or not" and that the Exchange "performs the necessary regulatory oversight of member organizations."⁶

III. Discussion and Commission Findings

After careful review, the Commission finds that the proposed rule change is consistent with the requirements of the Act⁷ and the rules and regulations thereunder applicable to a national

³ See Securities Exchange Act Release No. 83740 (July 30, 2018), 83 FR 38195 (August 3, 2018) ("Notice").

⁴ See Letter from Ray Delao, The Michael's Copanys.Inc [sic], dated August 15, 2018. The letter does not address the change that the NYSE is proposing to make to Rule 2.

⁵ See Notice, *supra* note 3.

⁶ *Id.* at 38196.

⁷ 15 U.S.C. 78f.

¹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(1).

² 17 CFR 240.19b-4.