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ALAN T. WATERMAN AWARD COMMITTEE
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee Charter

1. Committee's Official Designation Alan T. Waterman Award Committee (the Committee) #1172

2. Authority This committee is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App. The committee is authorized by statute, Pub. L. 94-86 as amended, 42 U.S.C. §1861 et. seq.

3. Objective and Scope of Activities To provide advice and recommendations to the Director, NSF in the selection of the Alan T. Waterman Award recipient.

4. Description of Duties The Committee reviews nominations with supporting documentation of outstanding young scientists and engineers, in the forefront of his or her field.

After review of the nominees, the Committee recommends the most outstanding candidate(s) to the Director, NSF who then makes the final determination and informs the National Science Board.

5. Official to Whom the Committee Reports The Committee reports to the Director, National Science Foundation.

6. Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support The National Science Foundation will provide all operating and staff support costs for the Committee.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years The estimated annual operating cost of this Committee is about $87,000 which includes about $56,000 in staff support cost. Staff support is approximately .3 person-year.

8. Designated Federal Officer A full-time or permanent part-time NSF employee will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO will approve or call the Committee meetings, prepare and approve meeting agendas, attend committee meetings, and adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest. The Science Policy Analyst in the Office of Integrative Activities will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). Alternate DFOs may be appointed.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings The Committee meets once a year.

10. Duration It is expected that the Committee will continue indefinitely with renewals of the charter every two years as required under FACA.

11. Termination The Committee is subject to biennial review and will terminate 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless the charter is renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

12. Membership and Designation The Committee is comprised of 16 members, 4 who are ex officio (the Chairman, National Science Board, Presidents of the National Academy of Sciences and National Academy of Engineering, and the Director, National Science Foundation). The 12 appointed members are from among recognized leaders in the various fields of science from among those in which an Award is given. Members are selected to achieve a balance of viewpoints and expertise in the scientific areas and types of institutions encompassed by the award. Every effort is made to achieve a balanced membership that includes individuals from under represented groups and from different geographic regions.

It is anticipated that the committee will be comprised of Ex Officio members, Special Government Employees (SGE) and Regular Government Employees (RGE).

13. Recordkeeping The records of the Committee shall be handled according to section 2, General Records Schedule 26 and applicable agency records disposition schedule.

14. CERTIFICATION

This committee is determined to be necessary and in the public interest.

Subra Suresh
Director