PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON THE NATIONAL MEDAL OF SCIENCE
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee Charter

1. **Committee's Official Designation** President's Committee on the National Medal of Science, #1182 (the Committee)

2. **Authority** The President's Committee on the National Medal of Science was established by Executive Order 10961 (August 21, 1961), as amended by Executive Order 11287 (June 28, 1966), and by Executive Order 11502 (December 22, 1969).

3. **Objective and Scope of Activities** The purpose of the Committee is to assist the President in carrying out his responsibilities under 42 USC 1880-1881. These sections provide that the President from time to time awards the Medal to not more than 20 individuals per calendar year who, in the President's judgment, are deserving of special recognition by reason of their outstanding contribution to knowledge in the physical, biological, mathematical, engineering, or social and behavioral sciences.

4. **Description of Duties** The Committee annually receives nominations for review from a wide range of sources. From among those who are nominated, the Committee transmits to the President for his consideration the names of those individuals recommended for the award of the Medal. In transmitting its recommendations, the Committee includes background and supporting documentation of its views and arranges the names of all or some of the recommended individuals in a ranked order of precedence for receipt of the Medal.

5. **Official to Whom the Committee Reports** The Committee reports to the President.

6. **Agency Responsible for Providing the Necessary Support** The National Science Foundation is authorized by section 4 of Executive Order 10961, as amended by Executive Order 11287, to provide such assistance as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Order, and is designated as the agency responsible for support of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

7. **Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years** The estimated annual operating cost of this Committee is $83,000; staff support is approximately .30 person years and $56,000.

8. **Designated Federal Officer** The Assistant to the President for Science and Technology or other Federal official or employee designated by him is present at all meetings and is authorized to convene any meeting when it is considered to in the public interest to do so.

Meetings of the Committee are convened at the call of the Committee Chair or Acting Chair, or with the advance approval of the President or the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology.

9. **Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings** It is estimated that the Committee will meet on an annual basis.

10. **Duration** The Committee is continued by Executive Order 13585, dated September 30, 2011, until September 30, 2013.

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 composed of 12 members, each appointed by the President, and two *ex officio* members. Each member is appointed from among appropriately qualified citizens of the United States and serves without compensation. Members may be appointed for a term of 3 years and may be reappointed to serve one additional term of 3 years. As nearly as practicable, the appointed members of the Committee comprise a cross section of the major fields of science and engineering. The *ex officio* members of the Committee are the Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and the President of the National Academy of Sciences. The President designates one of the members of the Committee as Chairperson.

13. Subcommittees NSF may form subcommittees for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees may not work independently and must report their recommendations and advice to the full committee for full deliberation and discussion.

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

15. Certification This document describes the basic organization of the President's Committee on the National Medal of Science.

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