

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee

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1. Department or Agency				2. Fiscal Year
Department of Commerce				2018
3. Committee or Subcommittee				3b. GSA Committee No.
National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee				363
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date	
No	02/13/2018	02/13/2020		
8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority		8c. Actual Term Date	
No				
9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?		10b. Legislation Pending?	
Continue	No		Not Applicable	
11. Establishment Authority	Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Committee Type	14c. Presidential?	
15 U.S.C. 3711	10/21/1980	Continuing	No	
15. Description of Committee	Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear			
17a. Open Meetings and Dates	17b. Closed Meetings and Dates	17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates	Other Activities	17d. Total Meetings and Dates
No Meetings				

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$90,000.00	\$90,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00

18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$90,000.00	\$119,000.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.90	0.90

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

During the one formal meeting typically held during the year, the members discuss the nominations for that particular year and reach an agreement on the nominations to recommend to the Secretary of Commerce for his or her recommendation to the President of the United States for award of the Medal. Due to the extensive preparation done by the members prior to the meeting, the committee typically is able to conclude business in one meeting. The program is administered by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Prior to the meeting, the committee reviews all nominations submitted each year (approximately 50). This review requires an understanding of, and experience in, developing and utilizing technological innovation and/or familiarity with the education, training, employment and management of technological manpower. Much of the work is done in advance of the formal committee meeting by the members on their own time. This work is done through phone calls, letters, and emails without formal meetings or cost to the government.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The membership of the Committee is reflective of the diversity of the American innovation system. Members are sought from small, medium-sized, and large businesses and academia, with expertise in a wide array of sub-sectors of the technology enterprise.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Committee currently meets approximately once a year. Extensive preparatory work is done by the Members on their own time, prior to the formal meeting, at which nominations are reviewed, and those nominees selected by the Committee are forwarded to the Secretary. The Secretary then reviews the Committee's recommendations, and forwards a list of recommended nominees for the Medal to the President of the United States. At present this one meeting appears adequate for the Committee to fulfill its essential responsibilities of providing expert assistance for the recommendation of recipients for the Medal. Since this is a Presidential Award, and the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. for technological achievement, it is essential that a high caliber, independent Committee be retained to carry out the evaluation and recommendation process.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee provides the Secretary of Commerce with expert evaluation and advice from individuals in the private sector and academia with extensive knowledge and experience in developing and utilizing technological innovation and the education, training, employment and management of technological manpower. Such expertise is not available within the Department of Commerce. Also, the stature of Committee members and the composition of the Committee ensures balance, objectivity, and independence to the process.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee review and selection process must be conducted as a closed meeting because the Committee's evaluation includes discussion of the nominees' reputations, ability in their fields, professional backgrounds, and performance. Public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. In addition, premature disclosure of the Committee's recommendations could result in publicity causing professional embarrassment and harm to the reputations of those individuals or companies not ultimately selected and could result in the withdrawal of future nominees from consideration, thus significantly frustrating implementation of the Medal program.

21. Remarks

N/A

Designated Federal Officer

John P Palafoutas DFO

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Dahl, Carol	09/20/2017	09/19/2020	Executive Director, Lemelson Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Horn, Paul	09/20/2017	09/19/2020	Senior Vice Provost and Senior Vice Dean, New York University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Jackson, Shirley Ann	11/08/2012	08/24/2019	President, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Laurencin, Cato	09/20/2017	09/19/2020	University Professor, University of Connecticut	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lowy, Douglas	09/20/2017	09/19/2020	Deputy Director, National Cancer Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Murray, Cherry	09/20/2017	09/19/2020	Professor, Harvard University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Ochoa, Ellen	11/08/2012	08/24/2019	Director, Johnson Space Center, Retired	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Proenza, Luis	11/08/2012	08/24/2019	President Emeritus, University of Akron	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sanberg, Paul	11/08/2012	08/24/2019	Senior Vice President, University of South Florida	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Sasson, Steven	09/20/2017	09/19/2020	Inventor, Retired, Eastman Kodak Company	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Takeuchi, Esther	11/08/2012 08/24/2019	Chief Scientist, Global and Regional Solutions, Brookhaven National Laboratories	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Whitney, Telle	09/20/2017 09/19/2020	Former President and CEO, Anita Borg Institute for Women and Technology	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary of Commerce is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation. The committee's recommendations are made after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- Improvements to health or safety
- Trust in government
- Major policy changes
- Advance in scientific research
- Effective grant making
- Improved service delivery
- Increased customer satisfaction
- Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements
- Other

Outcome Comments

National recognition of American innovators who have made outstanding contributions to America's competitiveness, standard of living, and quality of life through technological innovation.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- None
- Unable to Determine
- Under \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$500,000
- \$500,001 - \$1,000,000
- \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
- \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000
- Over \$10,000,000

Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

NA

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

235

Number of Recommendations Comments

The Committee did not meet in FY 2018, therefore, there were no new recommendations made. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce who in turn makes recommendations to the President. The number of names of recommendations is kept confidential until the White House and the Department of Commerce release a public announcement of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation Laureates.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

100%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Upon public announcement of the NMTI Laureates.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Not applicable.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Agency provides feedback to committee members through the program manager.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

- Reorganized Priorities
- Reallocated resources
- Issued new regulation
- Proposed legislation
- Approved grants or other payments
- Other

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

- Contact DFO
- Online Agency Web Site
- Online Committee Web Site
- Online GSA FACA Web Site
- Publications
- Other

Access Comments

N/A