

2021 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee for Polar Programs

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1. Department or Agency

National Science Foundation

2. Fiscal Year

2021

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Advisory Committee for Polar Programs

3b. GSA Committee No.

1130

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

03/12/2021

6. Expected Renewal Date

03/12/2023

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority

12. Specific Establishment Authority

ADM IV-100

13. Effective Date

10/01/1977

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 0

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	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

Two meetings were held in FY-20. Discussion focused on (1) U.S. Antarctic Vessel Update ; (2) Diversity & Inclusion; (3) COVID-19 Impacts; (4) Office of Polar Program Updates; and 5) Advisory Committee Liaison Updates.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Members of the Office Advisory Committee are selected to be representative of all scientific fields in the polar sciences, and they are drawn from the full range of institutions with which polar scientists are associated, including academic institutions of varying sizes, research institutes, other federal agencies, and a local (Native American) commission. The committee also includes women and members of minority groups underrepresented in science and engineering. All members serve three-year terms, with about one-third of the committee being replaced each year. Members of the Committee of Visitors includes individuals with expertise in all areas of sciences involved, selected for broad geographical distribution within an appropriate mix of colleges and universities. Represented are women and minorities, plus industrial scientists.

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

Two full Committee meetings are generally held each year. In addition, one or more Committee of Visitors (COV) meetings are held every four years.

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

The polar regions and polar research are specialized and unique areas. This advice and information must be provided by knowledgeable people who are familiar with polar operations, issues, and research. While OPP does use a number of individual outside advisors and sits on other interagency committees pertaining to the Arctic/Antarctic, this group is the only means for assuring that NSF's best interests are considered.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

Designated Federal Officer

Kelly K. Falkner Head, Office of Polar Programs

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Arnaudo, Ray	10/01/2017	09/30/2021	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Bartlett, Douglas	10/01/2018	09/30/2022	Scripps Institution of Oceanography	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Crowell, Aron	10/01/2018	09/30/2022	Smithsonian Institute	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
DeGrandpre, Michael	10/02/2017	09/30/2021	University of Montana	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Emanuel, Ryan	09/01/2020	08/31/2023	North Carolina State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Flanner, Mark	10/01/2017	09/30/2021	University of Michigan	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Heimbach, Patrick	10/01/2017	09/30/2021	University of Texas	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Hindle, Allyson	10/01/2019	09/30/2023	Arizona State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Iselin, Steven	10/01/2019	09/30/2023	Consultant	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Kuklina, Vera	10/01/2019	09/30/2023	George Washington University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Loose, Brice	10/01/2018	09/30/2022	University of Rhode Island Graduate School	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Lynch, Amanda	10/01/2017	09/30/2021	Brown University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mack, Michelle	10/01/2018	09/30/2022	Northern Arizona University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Nettles, Meredith	10/01/2018	09/30/2022	Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Quinn, Patricia	10/01/2018	09/30/2022	NOAA PMEL	Regular Government Employee (RGE) Member
Stammerjohn, Sharon	10/01/2018	09/30/2022	University of Colorado Boulder	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Steig, Eric	10/01/2018	09/30/2022	University of Washington	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Vieregg, Abigail	10/01/2017	12/31/2021	University of Chicago	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Weingartner, Thomas	10/01/2017	09/30/2021	University of Alaska Institute of Marine	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 19

Narrative Description

NSF accomplishes its mission through monetary awards (grants) for research and education and science and engineering. The Advisory Committee for the Office of Polar Programs (OPP) provides guidance, recommendations, and oversight in such areas as how OPP can best serve science, promote education, increase workforce diversity, and set investment priorities.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

No new recommendations were made for FY 2020.

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

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

N/A

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

N/A

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is to the entire community through public documents (e.g. Budget Requests, Program Announcements, Dear Colleague Letter, etc.)

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

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

N/A

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

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input type="checkbox"/>

Online GSA FACA Web Site



Publications



Other



Access Comments

N/A