

1997 Current Fiscal Year Report: United States Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel

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1. Department or Agency National Science Foundation		2. Fiscal Year 1997	
3. Committee or Subcommittee United States Antarctic Program Blue Ribbon Panel		3b. GSA Committee No. 5131	
4. Is this New During Fiscal Year? No	5. Current Charter 08/01/1996	6. Expected Renewal Date 07/30/1997	7. Expected Term Date 07/30/1997
8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? Yes	8b. Specific Termination Authority Charter	8c. Actual Term Date 07/30/1997	
9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year Continue	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? No	10b. Legislation Pending?	
11. Establishment Authority Agency Authority			
12. Specific Establishment Authority ADM IV-100	13. Effective Date 11/17/1988	14. Committee Type Ad hoc	14c. Presidential? No
15. Description of Committee National Policy Issue Advisory Board			
16a. Total Number of Reports 1			
16b. Report Date 07/30/1997	Report Title Blue Ribbon Report on Antarctic		

Number of Committee Reports Listed: 1

17a. Open 3 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 1 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 4

Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
Not Stated	10/11/1996	- 10/12/1996
Not Stated	12/20/1996	- 12/21/1996
Not Stated	01/04/1997	- 01/04/1997
Other	02/07/1997	- 02/08/1997

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$28,751.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$8,928.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$2,634.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00

18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$1,522.00	\$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	\$41,835.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.10	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Panel was convened to review the logistics and operations of USAP. In particular, it was charged to conduct an additional cost benefit analysis to examine the tradeoffs including the size, lifetime, and capability of the station vs the anticipated requirements of the science program. Information was obtained through extensive briefings by OPP staff, one-on-one meetings between panel members and representatives of the scientific and support community and responses to requests via email. The final report resulted in an endorsement of the overall good management of USAP, cost-reduction, and re-design of South Pole station modernization and a formula for obtaining capital funds for construction absent Congressional support.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Panel was composed of a balanced mix of scientists (3), industrialists (2), directors of major research facilities /programs (4), and transportation experts (2). Of the eleven panel members, ten had visited or undertaken work in Antarctica on prior occasions. The composition of the Panel provided the expertise needed to assess the diverse range of functions that USAP must perform to provide support to the scientists in the field.

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

The Committee met three times for a total of five days in FY97. In addition, the Panel made a nine-day site visit to Antarctica to observe operations. After issuing its report, the Panel was terminated.

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

USAP is a national program whose infrastructure and logistics support systems are dedicated to the support of science in a unique area of the earth. The organizational and management structures needed to support the science are unique. The experts who are familiar with business, operations, logistics, and the support of research are essential to producing an insightful report. The members were selected for their antarctic experience and special expertise.

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

N/A

21. Remarks

The Committee completed its business on its scheduled termination date.

Designated Federal Officer

Erick Chiang Actg Deputy Dir., OPP

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
ALLEY, RICHARD	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	Penn State University Park	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
ANDERSON, JOHN	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	Rice University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
AUGUSTINE, NORMAN	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	Lockheed-Martin	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
COLWELL, RITA	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	U/Md Biotechnology Institute	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HESS, CHARLES	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	Univ of Calif Davis	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
JOHNSON, HANSFORD	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	Greater Kelly Devel Corp	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LINK, LEWIS	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	US Army Cold Region Res	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PESCHEL, RUDY	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	Dept Trans U S Coast Gard	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SCHWEICKART, RUSSELL	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	ALOHA Networks, Inc.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SOLOMON, SUSAN	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	NOAA	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
STONE, EDWARD	10/01/1996	09/30/1997	Jet Propulsion Lab	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

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

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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- 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

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

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

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

%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

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

%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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

Yes No Not Applicable

Agency Feedback Comments

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

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