

## Definitions

1. *Dissemination* means NCUA initiated or sponsored distribution of information to the public. Dissemination does not include distribution limited to government employees or agency contractors or grantees; intra-agency or inter-agency use or sharing of government information; and responses to requests for agency records under the Freedom of Information Act, the Privacy Act, the Federal Advisory Committee Act or other similar law.

2. *Influential* means that NCUA can reasonably determine that dissemination of the information will have or does have a clear and substantial impact on important public policies or important private sector decisions.

3. *Information* means any communication or representation of knowledge such as fact or data, in any medium or form, including textual, numerical, graphic, cartographic, narrative or audiovisual forms, whether on paper, film or electronic media and whether disseminated via fax, recording, machine readable data or Web site. This definition includes information from NCUA's web page, but does not include the provision of hyperlinks to information that others disseminate. It also does not include distribution limited to correspondence with individuals or persons, press releases that announce or give public notice of information that the NCUA has disseminated elsewhere, archival records, public filings, subpoenas, adjudicative processes or opinions, unless that opinion is the NCUA's official point of view.

4. *Integrity* refers to the security of information—protection of the information from unauthorized access or revision, to ensure that the information is not compromised through corruption or falsification.

5. *Objectivity* involves two distinct elements, presentation and substance. Objectivity in presentation requires NCUA to present disseminated information in an accurate, clear, complete, and unbiased manner. To accomplish this, NCUA must assure that the information is presented within a proper context. NCUA will identify the sources of the disseminated information (to the extent possible, consistent with confidentiality protections) and, in a financial or statistical context, the supporting data and models, so that the public can assess for itself whether there may be some reason to question the objectivity of the sources. Where appropriate, data will have full,

accurate, transparent documentation, and error sources affecting data quality will be identified and disclosed to users.

Objectivity in substance requires NCUA to disseminate accurate, reliable and unbiased information. To accomplish this, in a financial or statistical context, NCUA must assure that sound statistical and research methods are used to generate the original and supporting data and the conclusions that flow from the data. If NCUA disseminates influential information, it must assure that its conclusions are capable of being substantially reproduced.

6. *Quality* is an encompassing term comprising utility, objectivity, and integrity. Therefore, the guidelines sometimes refer to these four terms collectively, as "quality."

7. *Reproducibility* means that information is capable of being substantially reproduced subject to an acceptable degree of imprecision.

8. *Utility* refers to the usefulness of the information to its intended users, including the public. In assessing the usefulness of information that NCUA disseminates to the public, NCUA will consider the uses of the information not only from the perspective of the agency but also from the perspective of the public. As a result, when transparency of information is relevant for assessing the information's usefulness from the public's perspective, NCUA will take care to ensure that transparency has been addressed in its review of the information. Transparency refers to a clear description of the methods, data sources, assumptions, outcomes and related information that will allow a data user to understand how information was produced.

**Authorities:** Section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554; H.R. 5658) and the Office of Management and Budget Final Guidelines, 67 FR 8452 February 22, 2002.

By the National Credit Union Administration Board on October 4, 2002.

**Becky Baker,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

### Meetings of Humanities Panel

**AGENCY:** The National Endowment for the Humanities.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), notice is hereby given that the following meetings of the Humanities Panel will be held at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20506.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heather Gottry, Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, DC 20506; telephone (202) 606-8322. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter may be obtained by contacting the Endowment's TDD terminal on (202) 606-8282.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed meetings are for the purpose of panel review, discussion, evaluation and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including discussion of information given in confidence to the agency by the grant applicants. Because the proposed meetings will consider information that is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential and/or information of a personal nature the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, pursuant to authority granted me by the Chairman's Delegation of Authority to Close Advisory Committee meetings, dated July 19, 1993, I have determined that these meetings will be closed to the public pursuant to subsections (c)(4), and (6) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

1. *Date:* October 22, 2002.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Library & Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 2002 deadline.

2. *Date:* October 25, 2002.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Library & Archival Preservation and Access/Reference Materials, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 2002 deadline.

3. *Date:* October 29, 2002.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Room:* 415.

*Program:* This meeting will review applications for Library & Archival

Preservation and Access/Reference Materials, submitted to the Division of Preservation and Access at the July 1, 2002 deadline.

**Heather Gottry,**

*Acting Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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## **NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES**

### **SES Performance Review Board**

**AGENCY:** National Endowment for the Arts.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the names of members of the Performance Review Board for the National Endowment for the Arts. This notice supercedes all previous notices of the PRB membership of the Agency.

**DATES:** Upon publication.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Maxine C. Jefferson, Director of Human Resources, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 627, Washington, DC 20506, (202) 682-5405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Sec. 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Office of Personnel Management, one or more SES Performance Review Boards. The Board shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of a senior executive's performance by the supervisor, along with any response by the senior executive, and make recommendations to the appointing authority relative to the performance of the senior executive.

The following persons have been selected to serve on the Performance Review Board of the National Endowment for the Arts: Eileen B. Mason, Senior Deputy Chairman, Laurence M. Baden, Deputy Chairman for Management and Budget, Alfred B. Spellman, Jr., Deputy Chairman for Guidelines, Panel, and Council Operations, Ann G. Hingston, Congressional and White House Liaison, Michael R. Burke, Chief Information Officer.

**Murray R. Welsh,**

*Director of Administrative Services, National Endowment for the Arts.*

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## **NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION**

### **Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541)**

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, Public Law 95-541.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to this permit application by November 5, 2002. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 292-7405.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-541), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain animals and certain geographic areas requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The applications received are as follows:

[Permit Application No. 2003-013]

1. *Applicant:* Arthur L. DeVries, 524 Burrill Hall, Department of Animal Biology, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL 61801.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Introduce non-indigenous species into Antarctica. The applicant plans to bring approximately 5 million

frozen brine shrimp (*Artemia franciscana*) egg cysts to Antarctica to be used as food for Antarctic larval fishes. The brine shrimp will be hatched in +20°C seawater in incubators in the Crary Science and Engineering Center at McMurdo Station. The hatched larva will be concentrated to the consistency of a thick soup, frozen into 2 cubic centimeter cubes at -80°C and fed to Dragon fish larva (*Gymnodraco acuticeps*). The larva will be held in small running seawater aquaria with the outlet screened with a mesh sufficiently small to prevent escape of the dead brine shrimp, as well as the fish larva. Residual dead brine shrimp will be retrieved from the aquaria, autoclaved and disposed of as biological waste.

*Location:* Crary Science and Engineering Center, McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

*Dates:* November 5, 2002 to February 28, 2003.

[Permit Application No. 2003-014]

2. *Applicant:* Gary D. Miller, Biology Department, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

*Activity for Which Permit is Requested:* Take and Import into the United States. The applicant plans to continue analysis of the phylogenetic relationships, population genetics, and diseases of Antarctic seabirds. The applicant will embark on a circumnavigation cruise of the Antarctic this season and plans to collect small tissue samples from fresh or frozen carcasses of various seabirds, with a main focus on collecting samples from Emperor penguin carcasses. The cruise will allow access to a number of Emperor penguin rookeries, as well as other sites. No more than fifteen samples will be collected from a single site. Tissue samples will be homogenized and put into a buffer solution to stabilize the DNA. As part of this collaborative work, chick carcasses will be inspected for the presence of Bursa of Fabricius, which will be excised and preserved for PCR testing for the presence of viruses. The Bursa samples will be returned to Dr. Geoff Shellam's lab in Perth, Australia, whereas all other samples will be imported to the U.S. and processed at the University of New Mexico.

*Location:* Balleny Islands, Shirley Island, Haswell Island, Vestfold Hills, Larsemann Hills, Scullin and Murray Monoliths, Cape Darnley, Auster Rookery, Kloa Point, Proclamation Island, Lazarev Ice Shelf, Atka Bay, Elephant Island, Pourquoi Pas Island, Cape Hallett, and Cape Adare.

*Dates:* November 15, 2002 to November 15, 2003.