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Polar Research Board
Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2021
All times ET

Open Session

- 2:00 PM **Welcome, Review Agenda and Goals**
Diana Wall, Chair & **Laurie Geller**, Program Director
- 2:10 PM **SCAR and IASC Updates**
Deneb Karentz, SCAR Delegate & **Matthew Druckenmiller**, IASC Delegate
- 3:00 PM **Discussion: Raising the Profile of Geospace / Space Weather Research**
Issues related to geospace / space weather research have not been a focus of PRB work in quite some time, but this is an important dimension of polar science research (relevant to both poles). We want to keep it on our radar screen when thinking about possible future activities--and when considering expertise that could be added to the Board. This exploratory session is meant to help with those goals. Invited participants are asked to share thoughts on important research developments, directions, and opportunities, and to help explore ways in which the PRB might engage in this area moving forward.
- Moderator: **Al Weatherwax**, Merrimack College, Alternate SCAR Delegate
 - Overview Remarks: **Lou Lanzerotti**, NJ Institute of Technology
 - Discussants: **Anthea Coster**, MIT; **Ramon Lopez**, UT Arlington
- 4:00 PM **Break**

Closed Session (4:00 – 5:00 PM ET)

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
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Closed Session (1:00 – 2:00 PM ET)

Open Session

- 2:00 PM **Discussion: Actionable Steps Forward on DEI in Polar Science**
Like many organizations, the National Academies is striving to expand our commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in all aspects of our own work, and in the research communities that we work with. This session will explore actionable steps forward for improving diversity within the polar research community. We can likely only

scratch the surface of this complex topic, but this is intended to start a theme of discussion to revisit periodically. Our preliminary goal is to get a sense of current landscape of existing strategies/initiatives, and to consider how PRB might be able to help contribute to progress.

- **Linda Bailey Hayden**, Elizabeth City State University & **Gretchen Hofmann**, UCSB; Co-Chairs of the NSF Polar Sub-Committee on Diversity and Inclusion
- **Amy Lauren Lovecraft**, UAF, Former PRB Member
- **Ashley Bear**, NASEM Committee on Women in Science, Engineering, and Medicine & **Maria Dahlberg**, NASEM Board on Higher Education and Workforce
- Polar Impact Representative (will provide pre-recorded introductory video)

3:00 PM **Break**

Closed Session (3:00 – 4:00 PM ET)