

**FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
SSC SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
Atlantic Beach, NC
December 5, 2016**

The SSC Selection Committee discussed policies related to SSC member eligibility, public comment and workgroups. SSC chair Dr. Marcel Reichert presented the recommendations from the SSC meeting of October 2016.

A proposed clarification to the SSC eligibility criteria was considered to specify that independent experts considered for the SSC should not be employed by advocacy or interests groups. It was noted that advocacy or interest groups language as used here is not all inclusive, and refers to those groups that advocate or present positions before the Council. Clarification was provided that this provision does not apply to academicians as listed elsewhere in the eligibility statement.

The Committee supported the proposed SSC workgroup process. It was clarified that the suggestion for such groups to meet in conjunction with SSC meetings did not intend for such meetings to occur during the scheduled SSC meeting time.

The committee reviewed the recent changes in SSC public comment policies and considered the SSC perspective provided by SSC Chair Dr. Marcel Reichert. Guidance was provided to take public comment at future SSC meetings at the start of each meeting and during discussion of each agenda topic.

MOTIONS

Motion #1: Move to modify the existing SSC eligibility wording as follows: *Members appointed by the councils to the scientific and statistical committees shall be federal employees, state employees, academicians, or independent experts **who are not employed by nor receive any compensation from advocacy or interest groups, and shall have strong scientific or technical credentials and experience.***

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Motion #2: Move to recommend adoption of the SSC workgroup process as an addition to the SSC guidelines.

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