Thank You Reviewers!

• Peer review only works when people are willing to do their share

• Many people in our community went above and beyond “their share” this year
  • Serving on multiple panels, sometimes practically back-to-back
  • Completing a dozen or more external reviews
  • Dropping everything to do “emergency reviews”

• We would love to acknowledge you publically for your service, but panels are confidential. We do notice and we do appreciated it.
Panel Review Requests

• Please respond as soon as possible
  • If you need to check with your boss or spouse, or try to reschedule commitments, etc., *please respond* and let us know when you think you might have an answer

• If you can’t travel, let us know that you would be willing to be a virtual panelist

• If you can’t commit to the panel, let us know if you are willing to do external reviews.
External Review Requests

• Please respond via NSPIRES
  • Emails get lost in our inboxes too
  • Please do so as soon as possible
  • Note: you can still decline individual proposals even after accepting the review assignment
  • Please make sure that NSPIRES emails don’t go to SPAM

• What to do if you have been assigned too many proposals
  • Contact us and let us know.
  • Consider how many you can reasonably handle and ask us to prioritize.
Panel Confidentiality

- Participating in a review, whether in person, virtually, as an external reviewer, or executive secretary is confidential.

- These rules are put in place to protect you, the reviewers; your signed NDA protects you from phishing expeditions.

- The timing and location of a review panel is confidential. Although these may be poorly kept secrets, they are still secrets.
Panel Confidentiality

• Can I tell my boss? Officemate? Partner? What if they are a PI/CoI/Collaborator on a proposal?
  • Boss is okay, you probably need their permission to attend. Confidentiality applies to them too.
  • Officemate is probably going to notice you printing off a dozen proposals, studying them furiously, then disappearing for a week, but “don’t ask, don’t tell”.
  • Partner/spouse – this is okay too, we don’t expect you to lie to your partner or disappear for a week without telling them.
  • Regardless, what happens at a panel stays at a panel, don’t discuss panel attendance or discussions once you leave.
Panel Confidentiality

- Since the panel is nearby – is it okay if I meet up with my grad school buddy for a drink? How about my cousin?
  - If they are a member of the planetary community, this is not really okay. If you do meet up with them, please be discrete, don’t invite them to the hotel or to dinner with other panelists.
  - If they are not a member of the community, no worries.

- Can I list panel service on my resume?
  - “I have served on PSD ROSES review panels” is fine.
  - “I served on Cosmo (2009), PGG (2011), and LASER (2012, group chief)” is not a great idea.
Panel Confidentiality

• Social Media
  • No, talking about reviewing proposals or serving on panels on social media isn’t okay. Using “(Redacted)” instead of saying “panel” or “proposal” still isn’t okay – you’re not fooling anyone.
  • Location tags – even if your post isn’t about the panel, if your post notes your location, this can be problematic. “Hey, what are you doing in Dallas this week?”
  • Group photos – “here is a pic of me and four other geophysicists who live all across the country and we all just happen to be hanging out in front of the Washington Monument right now for no reason whatsoever.”
  • Even selfies or landscape photos – true story, someone posted a lovely sunrise photo from a morning jog and a friend commented – “hey I recognize that running path, you’re at Landsdowne this week”
Questions?