

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS FOR COASTAL AND OCEAN OBSERVING

Terms and Conditions for Membership in the National Federation of Regional Associations for Coastal and Ocean Observing

Board Resolution 2006-01

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Therefore, the Board resolves that there will be two classes of membership: 1) voting membership for Regional Associations for coastal and ocean observing that have successfully competed and received financial support from the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration to plan and operate as a Regional Association as part of the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) as described in The First U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System Development Plan (January, 2006 Washington, D.C.) and 2) non-voting membership for other organizations committed to the goals and objectives of IOOS.

1. Terms and Conditions for Voting Members: Any Regional Association for coastal and ocean observing that has formed as part of the IOOS is eligible for membership in NFRA, if the following terms and conditions are fulfilled:
 - a. The Member agrees to support the purposes of the organization, as stated in the Article of Incorporation, which are as follows:
 - i. To support the development of regional associations for coastal and ocean observing to deliver scientific data and information on the nation's oceans, to provide the public with the myriad benefits of an integrated ocean observing system.
 - ii. To promote the integration and coordination of regional systems into a integrated national system, in order to build and enhance a nationwide infrastructure for observation, prediction and ocean science.
 - iii. To support the development of regional programs through capacity building, exchange of technical information, and sharing of facilities and infrastructure.

- iv. To educate the public about our oceans and coastlines, ocean observing, and the benefits and importance of ocean observing.
 - b. The Member is current with payment of annual membership dues as adopted by the Board of Directors; and
 - c. The Member agrees to select two representatives to serve on the Board of Directors who can act on behalf of the member Regional Association, take responsibility for communicating between the member RA and NFRA, and the member RA, and commit to attend regular meetings and fulfill the responsibilities of a NFRA Board member.
 - d. Each RA in good standing has one vote.
- 2. Terms and Conditions for Non-Voting Members: Non-voting members will be decided by the Board on a case-by-case basis, but will be representatives of organizations, and not individuals.