



IOOS ASSOCIATION

Terms of Reference for Honorary Directors

BOARD RESOLUTION: 2015-01

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Terms of Reference is to establish the responsibilities of the Honorary Directors for the Association.

BACKGROUND

The IOOS Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to the improving ocean, coastal and Great Lake observing through the full implementation of the US Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) enterprise. IOOS is a unique partnership that brings together Federal agencies with a national network of regional coastal observing systems operated by Regional Associations. The Association is governed by its membership, which includes the 11 IOOS Regional Associations.

The Honorary Directors provide an opportunity for community, scientific, industry and political leaders outside of the Association to offer advice and insights on how to address the nations' need for sustained observations and information products through the development and growth of the IOOS enterprise.

MEMBERSHIP

There will be between 3-5 Honorary Directors at a given time that will represent a range of expertise and experience. The Chair of the IOOS Federal Advisory Committee will serve as an ex-officio member.

TERMS OF OFFICE

The IOOS Association by-laws allow for Honorary Directors to be elected for 1-year terms at the annual meeting of the Association. Directors can be re-elected to subsequent terms.

NON-VOTING

Honorary Directors are welcome to attend all meetings and functions of the Board

but do not have the right to vote. Their advice is non-binding but appreciated.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Honorary Directors include:

- Building awareness of the vital role that the IOOS enterprise serves in fulfilling the nations' need for sustained ocean, coastal and Great Lake observing systems;
- Identifying opportunities for collaboration between IOOS and strategic partners such as scientific and policy experts, industry, Administration officials and Congressional leaders;
- Participating in at least one virtual meeting per year;
- Providing informal advice to Executive Director and the Executive Committee on specific matters; and
- Advocating on behalf of the IOOS enterprise.

CHARGE FOR FY 2017

For the term from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016, the Honorary Directors will be asked to provide advice and guidance on:

- Identifying opportunities for building champions for ocean observing, specifically IOOS, with national science and policy leaders, maritime industries, Administration and the Hill;
- Preparing and communicating the importance of ocean, coastal and Great Lake observations and IOOS to new administration; and
- Assisting with pursuing the successful reauthorization of the ICOOS Act and opportunities for closing key gaps in the appropriations.