



## **IOOS RA Directors' Meeting**

Monday, Sept 14, 2015

University of South Florida - Clam Bayou Marine Education Center

4240 35th S, Gulfport, FL 33711

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Dinner to follow

Attending: Ru Morrison (NERACOOS), Gerhard Kuska (MARACOOS), Debra Hernandez (SECOORA), Julio Morell (CaRA), Barb Kirkpatrick (GCOOS), Julie Thomas (SCCOOS), David Anderson (CeNCOOS), Jan Newton (NANOOS), Kelli Paige (GLOS), Molly McCammon, Carol Janzen (AOOS), Melissa Iwamoto (PacIOOS), Josie Quintrell (IOOS Association)

8:30 Meet at hotel lobby to travel to Gulfport ~ 20 minute.  
Ru and Josie will have vans, Barb will meet us with her car. Abbey and Vembu will meet us there as well to show us the way.

9:00 Welcome and Overview of Clam Bayou Center  
Teresa Greely, Faculty Coordinator for Education and Outreach

9:15 Certification - Lessons Learned Lead: Melissa  
PacIOOS submitted their package in November and has been through several iterations. GLOS submitted a package for pre-review this summer. Most of the issues concern data management - archiving, QA/QC,

- Business plans, strategic plans
- Archiving
- Implications of QA/QC of historic data
- Differences between GLOS and PacIOOS review
- Liability coverage for non-regional data providers
- Issues to take to IOOS Board meeting the next day

### Background material:

- Revised certification guidelines released this summer
- PacIOOS certification materials - <http://pacioos.org/certification>.
- GLOS pre-review material - website <http://glos.us/IOOSCert>
- IOOS PO response to GLOS pre-review (8.3.15)

11:00 FFO Debrief Lead: David

- Roundtable debrief on this year's FFO process to provide constructive feedback to the Program Office. What worked well, what didn't, suggestions for next time.
- Next steps - draft memorandum to Program Office on suggestions

11:30 Industry Partnerships - How to grow and nurture industry partners  
Lead: Ru

*(Note: we will break for lunch around 12 and continue the discussion afterwards. Kahwa Coffee – delivering coffee and sandwiches)*

- Success stories in working with industry
- Issues RAs are struggle with

- Brainstorming session on how to better engage industry members
  - For financial support
  - For using products
  - Other
- Wrap up and next steps
  - Issue for further work
  - Engagement with the Program Office and others
  - Other

Background material: Results of informal RA survey (attached)

2:00 Collaborative projects / Shared capacity      Lead: Jan

- What makes us a national system rather than individual RAs? Can we serve core variables in the same way?
- What is the political vs. technical issue for shared products?
- What are the steps necessary for moving forward on developing shared capacity?

Background material: Common Product Report (attached)

4:00 Open Discussion      Lead: Molly

- Here are some issues identified by the survey:
  - Funding business models
  - Annual special journal issue
  - Common outreach and education
  - Administrative Issues
    - Membership dues and structures (ranked the highest)
    - Staffing
    - Board – new board members, growing the board
    - NOAA Membership on RAs - NOAA drafted language for NANOOS, is offering to help with other RAs - any interest?

5:00 Adjourn

5:30 Dinner - Habana Café

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