



IOOS Association Board of Directors
December Board Conference Call
3:00 p.m. ET Tuesday, December 15, 2015
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Approved by the Board X/XX/XXXX

Attending:

AOOS: Molly McCammon; CariCOOS: Julio Morrell, Roy Watlington; CeNCOOS: Aric Bickel
GCOOS: Mike Spranger; GLOS: Kelli Paige, Ron Baird; MARACOOS: Gerhard Kuska; NANOOS: Jan
Newton; NERACOOS: Ru Morrison, Steve Lohrenz; PacIOOS: Melissa Iwamoto; SCCOOS: Julie Thomas;
SECOORA: Debra Hernandez; IOOS Association: Josie Quintrell, Abbey Wakely

Ru Morrison called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. ET

1) Approval of September 15, 2015 Minutes, Jan Newton, Secretary

Motion: To approve the minutes for the IOOS Association Board of Director's Meeting on September 15, 2015.

Ron Baird moved the motion, Molly McCammon seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion approved, unanimously.

2) Treasurer's Report Updated FY16 Operating Budget and Actuals for October and November, Molly McCammon, Treasurer

Molly reviewed the updated financial reports from FY16 noting the final amount that was carried over to FY17 is \$4,000. Spending for this fiscal year (October-November, 2016) is on track. Molly reminded the Board that starting October 1, 2016, the dues will increase to \$10,000 per year.

3) Update on Honorary Directors, Jan Newton, Secretary

In September, Admiral Gaffney, Mary Glackin, Norm Dicks and Admiral Lautenbacher were elected to serve a one-year, renewable term as Honorary Directors for the Association. The tasks for the Honorary Directors are: 1) to identify opportunities for building champions for ocean observing with national science and policy leaders, maritime industries, Administration and the Hill, 2) to prepare and communicate the importance of ocean, coastal and Great Lake observations and IOOS to new administration 3) to assist with pursuing the successful reauthorization of the ICOOS Act and 4) to identify opportunities for closing key gaps in the appropriations. The first meeting of the Directors is scheduled for January 26 in Seattle, WA where many will be attending the JOCI meeting the following day. This meeting will bring the directors up to speed on IOOS, identify priorities for the incoming administration, and to identify champions for IOOS. A second meeting will be held in Washington DC in the April/May timeframe.

4) Closing the Gaps Campaign, Ru Morrison

FY 17 Congressional Request

In September, the Board voted to support the Closing the Gaps Campaign, a new approach to IOOS funding. The campaign includes two phases: Phase 1 will focus on closing gaps in the national high-frequency radar network for FY 17. Phase 2 will explore addressing the gaps in navigation, water levels and HAB forecasting for FY18-FY22.

For the FY 17 request, Josie worked with the RA Directors and IOOS Program Office to identify regional and national priorities and to develop cost estimates. Five priority areas were chosen including: 1) safe shipping in the Gulf of Mexico, 2) completing the west coast network to track seafood health and preserve lives 3) supporting the Arctic highway 4) monitoring oil spills in the Great Lakes and 5) saving lives along the East Coast of Florida. The cost for filling these key gaps is \$3.1m, with the operation and maintenance cost of about \$700K.

IOOS Association has contracted with the Hatcher Group to help develop effective messages for the HFR campaign. The Hatcher group is a full service communications firm based in Maryland that works with foundations and non-profits. They will survey the RA Directors, interview key stakeholders, develop a message board and a one-page flyer.

FY 18 – FY 23 Closing the Gaps Campaign Update

Navigation: Julie reported that work is progressing on the navigation area. She's developed a template similar to HFR that focuses on ports and wave buoys. They are focusing on waves because that is one parameter CO-OPs does not measure. They will be performing a gap analysis for each region to find out the regions top three ports and what is needed. She will be meeting with NOS navigation experts in January.

Water Levels: Ru is working on the water level gaps. Kathy Bailey from IOOS PO is working on a spreadsheet of non-federal water level assets.

HAB Forecasting: Kelli provided an update on the HAB working group. This topic is building on NOAA's Ecological Forecasting Roadmap Work. Barb is working closely with Allison Allen of NOAA.

5) Schedule for Spring Congressional Outreach

Josie reviewed the schedule for the March meeting. The Annual IOOS Spring Meeting with the IOOS Program Office will be on March 1-2 in Silver Spring, MD. Board members are welcome to join, but it is not mandatory. The agenda will focus on the Closing the Gaps Campaign. The IOOS Association Board Meeting and Hill Visits will be March 3, 2016.

6) ICOOS Reauthorization Update

Josie stated the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard marked up S 1886 "The Coordinated Ocean Monitoring and Research Act." The staff is now preparing the committee report and plans to submit the bill for unanimous consent. Josie and others will be meeting with House Committee Staff in January to discuss the status of HR 2744 "The Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observing Act Amendments."

7) Adjourn Meeting

Motion: To adjourn the December Board Meeting.

Jan motioned, Julie seconded.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. ET.