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## **AOS Board Meeting**

**March 20, 2017**

### **Meeting Summary prepared by Holly Kent**

Board members present: Jim Kendall (BOEM), Tara Riemer (ASLC), Katrina Hoffman (PWSSC-OSRI), Betsy Baker (NPRB), Paul Webb (USCG), Ed Fogels (ADNR), Dee Williams for Aimee Devaris (USGS), Amy Holman (NOAA Region), Mike Miller (IPCOMM), Theresa Peterson (NPFMC), Brad Moran (UAF-CFOS), Doug DeMaster (NOAA- AFSC), Alice Edwards for Larry Hartig (ADEC)

AOS staff present: Molly McCammon, Darcy Dugan, Carol Janzen, Holly Kent

Guests Present: Bill Benning (MXAK)

Guests Present by Phone: Carl Gouldman, (IOOS director), Eric Johnson, (AOS POC at IOOS), Rob Bochenek (Axiom Data Science)

**Meeting called to order at 10:45 am at the AK Department of Natural Resources conference room by Board Chair Ed Fogels.**

#### **Adoption of Agenda:**

**Action Item:** Draft meeting agenda approved unanimously.

#### **Adoption of Board Meeting Summary:**

**Action Item:** March 16 2016 Board Meeting Summary was approved unanimously. *Motion by Kendall, second by Williams.*

#### **UPDATE on IOOS activities by Carl Gouldman, Executive Director of IOOS:**

Carl introduced himself as the new director for the IOOS Program and gave updates on IOOS Certification, upcoming Hill visits and the president's budget.

#### **UPDATE by Executive Director:**

Molly McCammon provided an overview of recent and upcoming AOS activities and participation in state, national and international level initiatives.

#### Alaska Activities:

- AOS submitted a revised **certification** application in February and we are expecting approval soon.
- The **Alaska Marine Science Symposium** had good attendance, albeit less than last year, and a great program but ended up with a budget shortfall of \$30K.
- The **MTS Oceans' 17 Conference** will be in Anchorage this September and board members are encouraged to attend.
- The **Ocean Acidification Network, Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Network and Water Level Observation Working Group** are now active.

#### National Activities:

- Molly has spent some time with our congressional delegation and so far there appears to be flat funding for the FY17 budget (although there might be some minor reductions). FY 18 is still unknown.
- Molly is a member of the **Consortium for Ocean Leadership and Ocean Research Advisory Panel boards and is National Ocean Service representative on NOAA's US-AON (Arctic Observing Network) team.**

- Despite the flat funding scenario, an additional \$6.4M is being requested by the IOOS Association for gliders and HF radars as a result of the association's "Fill the Gaps" campaign.
- The IOOS Program was not one of the programs targeted for elimination in the "skinny budget" from the administration.
- Molly referred to the **June 29, 2015 AOS Board meeting summary**, which described the board's priorities if faced with future reductions.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Approval of FY17 work plan:**

AOS' FY17 budget will start June 1, 2017 and thus far we are expecting to receive the same amount as last year: \$2,131,000. We have submitted several proposals and are investigating ways to recoup costs associated with the investment in the Alaska Data Assembly Center. AOS plans to fund all programs at the same level as last year.

**Action Item:** The board approved the FY17 conceptual work plan.

*Motion by DeMaster, second by Hoffman.*

### **October 2016 Strategic Planning Notes presented for discussion on follow-up actions.**

The strategic planning effort from last fall with the board included recommendations to:

- Provide the board with outreach tools. Staff prepared the first AOS Annual Impact Report in response. The AOS 101 slides are being updated.
- Review AOS Data Systems. An external review of the AOS Data Management System is in the planning stage in response.
- Review and update build out plans. Development of build out plans for AOS are in progress in response.
- Review the organizational structure of AOS. This process has not been started yet.

### **Process for acceptance of new grant funding:**

Molly proposed a new method for notifying the board of proposal submissions, based on a request by the board at the last meeting and provided a revision to the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNING AUTHORITY** originally approved by the AOS Executive Committee on January 6, 2012.

#### **Action Item:**

The board approved the new proposal submission notification process and a revision to the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIGNING AUTHORITY** after making some minor changes.

*Motion by Riemer, second by Baker*

### **Approval of new Data Management Advisory committee members:**

Molly introduced the following people for approval of their addition to the Data Management Advisory Committee: Becky Heim (NWS) to replace Louise Fode, Michael Couch (NWS) to replace Angela Corona (NWS) and Dayne Broderson (UAF) to replace Tom Heinrichs (UAF). Molly also noted that the composition of this committee may change after the external review of AOS' Data Management System.

#### **Action Item:**

The Board approved the addition of the three proposed members.

*Motion by Kendall, second by DeMaster.*

### **Reconvened at 1:50 pm at Coast Guard conference room.**

### **Briefing and board discussion with Coast Guard 17<sup>th</sup> District Commander RADM Michael McAllister:**

Molly gave a quick overview of the AOS mission and projects of joint interest with USCG. Rob Bochenek gave a demonstration of the Ocean Data Explorer using the Bering Sea Subsistence Network, ShoreZone and analyzed Sea Surface Temperature layers and the Arctic Domain Awareness Portal. Bill Benning of Marine Exchange Alaska gave a briefing on the AIS/Weather Station project. Carol Janzen presented on observing technologies like High Frequency Radars, gliders, wave buoys & alternative water level observations. Darcy Dugan gave a presentation on development and status of the AK Ocean Acidification and Harmful Algal Bloom Networks. The Board toured the Coast Guard's District Command Center. Use of the AOS data portal was highlighted.

**The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.**

**Next meeting: fall 2017.**