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AOOS Board Meeting

December 15, 2020

10/23/20 Draft Meeting Summary Prepared by Molly McCammon

Board Members present: Lynn Palensky (NPRB), Kenny Down (NPFMC), Cheryl Rosa (USARC), Ginny Eckert (AK Sea Grant), Katrina Hoffman (PWSSC & OSRI), Kathrine Howard (ADFG), Jason Brune (ADEC), Robert Foy (NOAA/AFSC), Margaret Williams (WWF), Shawn Mauldin (sitting in for Ed Page MXAK), Jim Kendall (BOEM), Dee Williams (USGS), Mike Miller (IPCoMM), Bradley Moran (UAF/CFOS), Sara Longan (ADNR), Paul Webb (USCG), Tara Reimer (ASLC). Not present: Bob Foy (AFSC)

AOOS Staff present: Molly McCammon, Carol Janzen, Holly Kent, Darcy Dugan, Jill Prewitt, Thomas Farrugia

Guests present: Sheyna Wisdom

Meeting called to order at 1:30pm via Google Meets by AOOS Board Chair Katrina Hoffman.

Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Summaries for Sept 2, 2020 Board, Oct 26, 2020 EXCOM and Oct 26-29 Board email vote

Action Item: The meeting agenda and the Meeting Summaries for Sept 2 and Oct 26 and Oct 26-29, 2020 were approved unanimously. *Motion by Longan, second by Webb.*

Update on AOOS activities by AOOS Executive Director Molly McCammon

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

Alaska Activities

- 5-year proposal nearing submission
- Year 5 of current agreement approved in Sept – (even though it officially started June 1)
- AK Harmful Algal Bloom Network: new HAB \$\$, new coordinator – meet later today
- AK OA Network, AK Water Level Watch, AK Coastal Mapping strategy all on track
 - Demo'd the tiered water level data portal to other IOOS RAs on Nov. 10
 - AK Coastal Mapping Summit held Dec 9-10
 - OA meetings with OA CANS and Municipalities
- Bering Sea data sharing project
 - Fall science report published
 - First community advisory panel meeting held Dec 13

- Winter science report in progress
- Other Presentations & Engagement
 - Aleutian Islands Waterways Safety Cmte
 - ACCAP Advisory Cmte strategic planning
 - ARCUS Annual mtg
 - Northern Connections Indigenous Workshop
 - ADAC Arctic Maritime Spill Response Modeling project workshop- Sept 21

National and International Activities

IOOS:

- IOOS Association: Fall meeting held Oct 9 with focus on strategic planning
- IOOS Federal Advisory committee: Oct 19 meeting
- National IOOS DMAC meeting Oct 13-15
- ICOOS Act – hotlined in Senate, last step to final approval & signature by Pres

OTHER NATIONAL:

- IARPC Environmental Intelligence Collaboration Team co-lead: Dec 1 meeting with research leads
- NOAA Science Advisory Board – Ecosystem Services Management Working Group met Nov 17-18; Finished “Managing under deep uncertainty” report; Next up – coastal resilience. 1 of 3 new WG co-chairs in February
- Ocean Studies Board: Workshop on Sustaining Ocean Observations Sept 16-18, report just released
- Hydrographic Services Review Panel Sept 23, AOS comments on AK Coastal Mapping Strategy recs.
- NOAA OA Program review – Molly & Darcy participated
- SACNAS (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science) National Diversity in Stem conference – 1st AOS participation, Darcy gave lightning talk

INTERNATIONAL:

- UN Decade of Ocean Science (UNDOS): 1 of SAON reps on planning team for Arctic session, co-chair of WG 6 on data management; developing recommendations. Special Alaska & Canada Indigenous session Dec 8
- PICES Monitor Technical cmte presentation

My last Board meeting as Executive Director

- A little history, beginning in 2003
- First MOA signed by founders in 2004/2005; state agencies signed in 2009; added stakeholder seats: tribal, oil & gas, environmental NGO, shipping
- Started with planning grants & earmarks. Now a \$3m/year program that leverages millions of dollars of other support
- Changing environment – now facing a nearly ice-free Arctic
- Changing technologies – cloud computing, eDNA, gliders & drones
- Critical components: engaged board, dedicated staff, collaborative PIs, and involved user communities

- This is the best job in the entire state of Alaska, and I know your new executive director will do a great job!

Officer Elections

The Nominating Committee (Palensky, Williams, Page) met on December 8, 2020 and recommended the following officers for the term November 2020 – November 2022:

- Katrina Williams, Chair
- Sara Longan, Vice-chair
- Cheryl Rosa, Secretary
- Jim Kendall, Treasurer

The nominating committee's recommendations were unanimously adopted by the Board. *Motion by Miller, Second by Webb.*

Open oil and gas seat

The Board discussed an opening for the oil and gas industry seat, recently vacated by Bill Britt, due to his retirement from Hilcorp. The Board asked the incoming Executive Director to follow up with Hilcorp, ConocoPhillips and the Alaska Oil and Gas Association and identify a potential candidate for that seat.

Diversity & Inclusion Working Group

Darcy Dugan presented on the current findings by the Diversity and Inclusion Working group. The next meeting will be held January 14, 2021. Final recommendations will be presented to the Board in the spring.

Non-profit status Working Group

Molly McCammon reported that the group had met once but were awaiting final action by Congress on the ICOOS Act reauthorization before proceeding further.

Thomas Farrugia Meet & Greet

Farrugia, the newly hired AK Harmful Algal Bloom Network Coordinator gave a short presentation about himself, his career to date, and how it led him to his new role. He also briefly described his upcoming actions.

Ocean Observing Roundtable

Board members shared current news and upcoming events.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm. *Motion to adjourn by Kendall, second by Longan.* Adopted unanimously.