**Attendees:**

* Sheyna Wisdom, AOOS
* Katrina Hoffman, Chair
* Amy Holman, Vice Chair
* Steve White, Secretary
* Dee Williams, Treasurer

**Agenda**

* Admin
* Upcoming Conferences - are we missing any?
* Alaska Native Board seats
* Award Update
* IRA Proposal Update

**Discussion**

1. Administrative
   1. Hourly hire of Joni Kitmiiq Speiss
   2. Sheyna contract renewal
      1. Contract for period of Jan 1, 2021 - Dec 31, 2023 with salary of $150,280
      2. Request renewal of contract for period of Jan 1, 2024 - Dec 31, 2026 (see attached draft renewal agreement)
      3. Request raise of 4.5% to $154,960. This was included in the year 3 core budget. 4.5% based on recommendation from ASLC for all AOOS staff.
         1. approved!
      4. performance review - March 2024
      5. Discussion:
         1. Fix the following in rate renewal agreement: Fix start date Jan 1, 2024; remove probationary.
         2. Sheyna will send performance review/goals sheet to EXCOM
         3. we can modify if we want for my role
   3. Thomas review on Oct 24
   4. Alice review is due in Dec
   5. Other staff issues
      1. Grant training: [Managing Federal Grants and Cooperative Agreements for Recipients](https://www.managementconcepts.com/course/id/2062)
2. Upcoming conferences
   1. PICES in Seattle Oct 23-26 (Jill in person, Carol virtual)
   2. Cook Inlet Water Quality Summit in ANC Oct 24-25 (Thomas in person)
   3. USCG Arctic & Subarctic Area Meeting Oct 25 ( Sheyna in person)
   4. AK Geosummit in ANC Oct 25-27 (no one attending, sponsored two Indigenous travelers)
      1. Discussion on how this came about (from ROP Steering committee)
   5. Sitka Whale Fest in Sitka Nov 3-5 (Sheyna & Alice in person)
   6. International Conference on HABs in Japan Nov 5-12 (Thomas in person)
   7. Pacific Marine Expo in Seattle Nov 8 (Darcy in person)
   8. CERF conference in Portland Nov 15-17 (Sheyna in person)
   9. IOOS fall meeting in San Diego NOv 28-Dec 2 (Sheyna & Katrina? in person)
   10. Alaska Municipal League Conference in ANC Nov 6-8 (booth)
   11. Alaska Bird Conference in ANC Dec 11-14 (booth)
   12. AEWC meeting in ANC Dec 13-15 (Sheyna in person)
   13. Nov 7-9 Gulf Watch ANC (Carol)
3. Alaska Native Board seats
   1. meeting set with Mike, Martin, Darcy, Alice, Sheyna on Oct 27
4. Award Update
   1. Old agreement – Dec 2023 progress report due, working on final report
   2. New agreement – Jan 2024 progress report due
   3. Core funding – all subawards/contracts executed
   4. Non-core funding
      1. submitted 9/20/23 to IOOS
      2. once new Grants system comes back on board on Oct 30, IOOS will provide review
      3. We have already received funding, just waiting on approval to issue subawards/contracts
5. IRA Update
   1. Topic Area 1 (RA direct funds)
      1. RFA received Sep 29 - $5M total
      2. Posted on AOOS website: <https://aoos.org/request-for-coastal-resilience-project-ideas/>
      3. RFI due Oct 30 - getting good interest
      4. Extended this request for ideas to Nov 10
         1. General timeline:
         2. receive mar 4, to aslc feb 4, proposals by jan 5, notify people by late nov/early dec
      5. Good meetings with several Tribal members from YK region during AFN
      6. Discussion:
         1. DOI gravel to gravel initiative - Dee says this a slow, generic process so nothing specific has been generated at this time. We try to leverage and share where this opportunity to activate available funds.
         2. FEMA Merbok report
         3. how do we coordinate/leverage/dovetail:
         4. **poll with the Board to see who is interested in helping us decide from who we want full proposals**
   2. Topic Area 2 (pan-regional projects)
      1. meeting with IOOS groups to discuss how we are submitting
      2. “Current” thought is that each RA will get $3.9M but each can decide how it is spent for the projects we’ve identified for the national scale (water levels, wave buoys, ecosystem) 