

## **PROCESS FOR APPROVING NEW MEMBERS OF GCOOS-RA**

The GCOOS-RA by-laws require approval of new Members of the Corporation by the Executive Director. The process is for the nominating person to send to the Executive Director:

- The name of the individual or entity nominated with information on their production and/or use of data or products from the Gulf of Mexico and including their email and perhaps URL; and
- If an entity rather than an individual is being nominated, the entity's representative and contact information.

The nominating party is encouraged also to provide the following information:

- How the entity might benefit the GCOOS-RA as a Member:
  - Might they provide data or products to the GCOOS-RA and or our Data Portal?
  - Might they provide ideas on development of GCOOS?
  - Might they participate with the GCOOS-RA on working groups, committees, etc.?
- How might the GCOOS-RA benefit the Member?

The Executive Director reviews the information. If potential membership is approved, invitation is extended to the individual or entity to join.

*In lieu of nominations of single entities or individuals for membership, the Membership Committee, the Board or other nominators may prepare and submit to the Executive Director a list of candidates for membership. This list-based process will help increase the efficiency of approving and acquiring new members to the GCOOS-RA.*