



GULF OF MEXICO COASTAL OCEAN OBSERVING SYSTEM

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Senior Advisor Position Description

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The GCOOS-RA recognizes that certain individuals who have a long standing relationship with GCOOS may rotate off the Board of Directors, but still make significant contributions to the organization via legacy knowledge and depth and breadth of professional experience. Nominations of Senior Advisor status may come from the individual, the GCOOS- RA staff, or the Board of Directors. The Board will then review the nomination and at least two thirds Board vote will approve the action.

Role and responsibility of the **Senior Advisor**:

1. Special assignments and/or tasks assigned by the GCOOS Executive Committee. These may include review of GCOOS-RA documents that require historical information and/or specific expertise not served by the GCOOS Directors.
2. Participation on GCOOS Board of Directors calls and/or Executive Committee meetings and calls at the request of the Executive Committee. Note the Senior Advisor will participate in only the portion of the call/meeting addressing the particular agenda item needing his/her expertise.
3. The Senior Advisor acts only in an advisory capacity and has no voting rights.
4. The Executive committee will determine when the Senior Advisor's presence is needed in person. Travel will be reimbursed by the GCOOS-RA at those designated meetings only.
5. The Senior Advisor will be a voluntary position and no compensation for time/effort (except as noted in 4 above) will be provided by the GCOOS-RA.
6. The appointment will be for 2 years, subject to renewal by Board approval.