



GCOOS Board Update
June 18, 2015
2:00-3:00 PM CDT (3:00-4:00 PM EST)

Meeting Minutes

Present: Dave Driver, Charlene Bohanon, Steve Buschang, Alyssa Dausman, Carol Dorsey, Sara Graves, Pat Hogan, Gary Jeffress, Bill Lingsh, Worth Nowlin

1. Review of ExComm Actions- Driver
Busy with Letters Of Intent (LOIs) evaluations the last 3-4 months.
2. Texas OneGulf Consortium – Nowlin
Tx Gov office chose Texas Commission on Environmental Quality/Toby Baker to administer. Had a conference call the first of the month with Larry McKinney- lead PI. He reported a good meeting with Baker at TCEQ and approved contract for Treasury review/approval. It should take ~2 months (18 days in). Address Intellectual property, lab certification, and human subjects research.

Baker seeking approval to proceed for use of Governor's funds (BP gave \$\$ for TX Centers of Excellence).

Some funding from Harte- for a strategic planning process. The representatives from the TX OneGulf Consortium have nominated a Texas OneGulf Network of Experts to prepare a draft strategic research and action plan for the Center. Those individuals will be the only ones able to be designated as a PI on proposals to the Texas OneGulf, although they may have co-PIs who are not on the team of experts. McKinney is in the process of contacting them to ask to serve.

Next- they have draft Bylaws- hope to approve shortly. Then MOA between all Consortium members will be drafted and approved.

Driver – Is there another COE in TX?

Nowlin- yes, U of Houston is the lead. It is involved with safety and efficiency of deep sea petroleum production.

3. FY 2016 NOAA IOOS Funding Opportunity- Kirkpatrick
 - a. LOI process/3 tiers funding- Barb thanked the senior staff and especially the executive committee for all the time they put in on the LOI process. We received 36 LOIs. Of that, 22 were selected for funding at the 4M level. All PIs have been notified of the decision and we have requested the subaward paperwork from those chosen to be part of the proposal. Further culling of the list of subawards has been done for the 1/5M and 2.5M tiers of funding.
Action Item: Per Pat Hogan's request and general Board interest- Kirkpatrick will send table of subawards selected and abstracts for Board review.
 - b. Time line- the 1st draft of the proposal is due to the executive committee for review June 19th. Barb commented that she and staff need weekend to finish and will provide to ex com Sunday night and/or Monday morning. The ex comm will have until July 2nd to review and provide feedback. After editing, it will be sent out to Graves, Spranger, and Roscigno for a 2nd review. It will be edited again and we are hopeful to have the package in to TAMU sponsored research in early August for an August 31 submission deadline.
 - c. Letters of Support- We have received LOSs from Roeffers, the Nature Conservancy and the Ocean Conservancy. We have requested letters from BP, Shell, and Chevron.

4. Update on GCOOS BOP- Nowlin

3 Board meetings ago the decision was made to revise the BOP not more than twice per year with a different version number with each iteration. New BOP would follow BOD mtgs and BOD would approve. Last BOD, we established a committee to suggest revisions to BOP on regular basis. Aided by some ideas from Ann and Stephanie concerning whether the BOP should be revised to be topic--based vs. instrument/technique-based?

Subcommittee telecom on June 11th- agreed combo of 2 approaches as we have now are good.

1st cut – changes/additions – revisit monthly

1. Update on ecosystem monitoring – stakeholder needs- Steph and Landry
2. Plans/activities of other groups- e.g., SECOORA, GoMURC, GOMA
3. Missing cost estimates- toughest
4. Include Citizen Science activities
5. Refine details of HFR, radars, satellite products, and monitoring. Help clarify and sell those areas of stated priority to the Board..

See if we can get some of the changes for Sept BOD meeting for approval.

Also agreed- suggest to BOD- priorities from stakeholder workshops be considered for possible updates to BOP. Last few workshops- NGO for example.

Mechanism for awareness of research activities that may impact of BOP/operations.

Tough to do.....draft list/matrix of all topics to all the different data platforms.

Howden suggested we ask IOOS Association to hold a workshop for all RAs to discuss approaches to developing their BOP and lessons learned. RA directors meeting. Sharing

across RAs. Lessons learned.

Charlene- glad citizen science being added to BOP!

Action Item: Worth will send minutes of the subcommittee to Kirkpatrick for distribution to the Board.

5. Special topic- Driver

Worth – retires from GCOOS. 15+ years. A bit discouraged and putting too much time in on the RA.

Now proposes to stay engaged as a Senior advisor -GCOOS Texas OneGulf representative, Agent of the Treasurer of the NGO

Travel expenses OK. No pay? Yes.

Alyssa- Are we setting a precedent?

Dave- need Board approval for each request

Sara- some kind of policy- what can they do? Need some guidelines.

Gary J- Worth has participated since 2001- corporate history, shame not to take him up on it.

Action Item: Kirkpatrick and Ex Comm will draft a Position description for Sept BOD mtg.

Also- we will have a dinner in Worth honor as an outgoing Board member on Sept 17th in St Pete. Mark Luther will sponsor the dinner at the St Pete Yacht Club. Kirkpatrick will send out a doodle to poll Board on how they would prefer to cover adult beverage bill- either cash bar or general donation pool to cover the costs.

6. ICOOS Reauthorization- Spranger not able to be on call. Kirkpatrick asked the Board to be on the lookout for an email from him with a 'Dear Colleague' letter to garner support for reauthorization of ICOOS.