2023 Annual Meeting

May 11, 2023 | Jacksonville, FL
WiFi:
Thank you meeting sponsors!

Thank you to our meeting host:
# Board Agenda

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<td>8:30 - 8:40 AM</td>
<td>Welcome&lt;br&gt;Gary Mitchum, SECOORA Chair&lt;br&gt;• Introductions / Roll Call&lt;br&gt;• Approval of Agenda&lt;br&gt;• Minutes Approval – March 30, 2023 (vote)&lt;br&gt;• Brainstorm: December 2023 Board Meeting Dates in Charleston, SC and Dates / Locations for 2024 Annual Meeting</td>
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<td>8:40 - 8:45 AM</td>
<td>Treasurer Report</td>
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<td>SECOORA Board Updates</td>
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<td>Closing Remarks and Adjourn&lt;br&gt;Gary Mitchum, SECOORA Chair</td>
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<td><strong>December 2023 Board</strong></td>
<td><strong>2024 Annual Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>Location: Charleston, SC</td>
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<td>Dates: Week of December 4</td>
<td>Dates: ?</td>
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Treasurer Report

Susan Lovelace, Treasurer

Other Finance and Audit Committee Members:
  Jim Murley
  Quinton White
  Conrad Lautenbacher
  Peter Hamilton
  Jeff Copeland
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<th>Last Year Actual March 2022</th>
<th>Current Year Actual March 2023</th>
<th>Annual Budget</th>
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<td><strong>INCOME</strong></td>
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<td>Core Grant Revenue</td>
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<td>$ 4,974</td>
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<td>Office Expenses</td>
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<td>Other / Contingency expenses</td>
<td>$ 15</td>
<td>$ 52</td>
<td>$ 4,600</td>
<td>$ 1,139</td>
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<td>E &amp; O Committee Budget</td>
<td>$ 178</td>
<td>$ 20,000</td>
<td>$ 14,572</td>
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<td>$ 56,823</td>
<td>$ 810,487</td>
<td>$ 258,413</td>
<td>32%</td>
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# Review of Membership Profit & Loss as of March 31, 2023

**SECOORA Monthly Grant Report**  
**FYE 6/30/2023**  
**For the 9 Months of July 2022 - March 2023**

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<th>Revenue</th>
<th>FY 23 Budget</th>
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<td>$ 18,611.98</td>
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**CASH ON HAND**  
$ 424,388  
**RESERVE (SECOORA Operating Expense)**  
$ 280,000
Finance and Audit Committee Updates

- Accountant/Accounting Firm Update
- Financial Policy Review/Approval by F&A – March 2023
- SECOORA Membership Voted and Passed the FY24 Operating Budget via Election Buddy – April 2023
- Annual Audit – Summer 2023
- Membership Dues Invoices FY24
  - Emails are coming from Megan Shaw this year not Megan Lee
Abstract QR Code
# SECOORA Funding Trends

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL)

- Previously referred to as the Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act of 2021
- 5-year proposal with start date December 1, 2022; initial budget request for Years 1 & 2
- Funding provided for two areas:
  o Infrastructure – Year 1: $582,000 | Year 2: $587,000
  o Regional Ocean Data Sharing (RODS) – Year 1: $368,500 | Year 2: $368,500
  o Total – Year 1: $950,500 | Year 2: $955,500

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<td>FL east cost buoys (UN)</td>
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Staffing Updates

Office and Events Manager
Megan Shaw

Accounting
Strategic Accounting Outsource Solutions, LLC (new CPA firm July 1)

Emily Noakes
Communications Intern
SECOORA

Next Steps
Technical Director
Upcoming Planning Work

1. Fall 2023: Define priority audiences for data portal
2. December 2023 Board meeting: Revised Strategic Plan
3. May 2024: Members approve Strategic Plan
5. ~December 2025: New 5-year IOOS proposal

Strategic Plan
Expires June 30, 2024

RCOOS Plan
Expires 2025

DMAC Contract
Expires May 31, 2026

IOOS 5-Year Proposal
End date: May 31, 2026
Convening, Facilitating and Sponsoring

Board Meeting
Minority Community Engagement, Charleston, SC | Dec. 2022

Resiliency: SCDRP
Miami, FL | Jan. 2023

Congressional Outreach
Washington, DC | Mar. 2023

Water Level PI Meeting
Charleston, SC | Mar. 2023

SECART
USF COMPS
St. Petersburg, FL | Mar, 2023

Climate Services in the Caribbean
Barbados | Apr. 2023

Shared Axiom User Group
Process improvements | Priority Alignment
Seattle, WA | Apr. 2023

SECOORA Annual Meeting
PI Updates | Member Networking
Jacksonville, FL | May 2023
Western Boundary Current Subtropical Continental Shelf Interactions (SkIO)
Science/technical meeting | International networking
Savannah, GA | May 2023

3rd Global Marine Science Summit (UNCW)
Wilmington, NC | May 2023

FACT
ATN Networking
FL | Dec. 2023

Water Levels in the Southeast
Program Development | Standards | Training | Gap Analysis | NOAA COOPS Collaboration
Jacksonville, FL | June 2023

OPUS Training
April 2023

NOAA – COOPS Lab Visit
Winter 2022

NC Geodetic Survey Field Visit
Spring 2023

SECOORA Board Meeting
Member and PI Networking
Charleston, SC | Dec. 2023
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Pilot SECOORA Ocean Observing Internship Partnership

Summer Internship
10 hours per week (May 18 – July 26)

Selected Interns
Makiah Mooney (Jr. Marine Science major)
Fluctuations in water properties due to the transition between tropical storm Matthew and hurricane Matthew

Brandon Williams (Sr. Biology major)
Global greenhouse gas emissions and its effect on our planet’s water systems
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Build Relationships
Member Engagement Opportunities

WEBINARS

COMMITTEES
MEMBER REFRESH IN FALL

SUPPORTING NEXT GENERATIONS

DRONES IN COASTAL ZONE COP (NEW)

SOUTHEAST WATER LEVEL WORKSHOP
June 13-15, 2023
Coffee Break

9:30 – 9:40 AM
SECOORA Member Business Meeting

Gary Mitchum, SECOORA Board Chair
Thank you meeting sponsors!

Thank you to our meeting host:
Members Business Meeting Agenda

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Welcome New Member Representative

Scott Harris
New Personality

- Branding effort Fall 2022 – Summer 2023
- Goals:
  - Update voice of SECOORA
  - Strengthen our online presence
  - Streamline access to data, events, news, and projects
- Engaged users in the process
  - Branding Workshop: Team and stakeholder interviews
  - Board engagement to draft messaging
  - User experience website testing
  - Developed messaging framework
- Personality Takeaways
  - Friendly
  - Trusted
  - Collaborative
New Website

- Working to get information to the right audiences
- Creating a consistent brand
- Reorganizing content for easier navigation
- Adding an Impact Page to showcase projects, stakeholder quotes, and key figures
VISION
We want to ensure healthy coastal ocean ecosystems and communities by making observing data available and accessible to drive science-based decisions.

MISSION
We bring people, technology, and data together to facilitate collaborations, projects, and knowledge sharing to ensure coastal ocean resilience, safety, and a thriving blue economy.
What do we believe in?

Scientific Integrity

Available, Accessible, and Free

No One Does it Alone

Community Driven Innovation

Active Coastal Ocean Stewardship
## What We Do

### DATA & RESEARCH

We are dedicated to ensuring coastal ocean observing data are available and accessible to facilitate understanding and generate actionable insights for decision-making. Our observing systems provide historical and real-time coastal ocean data to advance science, technology, and product development that safeguards coastal ocean ecosystems and communities.

### COLLABORATION & COMMUNICATIONS

We bring government, industry, academics, and NGOs together to solve problems, observe, and raise awareness of our coastal ocean. We offer a support network and expertise pool to promote knowledge sharing, interdisciplinary collaborations, and funding opportunities.

### INNOVATION & DECISION SUPPORT

Our data and network are essential to science-based policy and management decisions and informing regional research priorities. We ensure local and regional voices are heard at a national level and work with our network to identify and address data gaps so policy-makers have the information they need to make the best decisions possible.
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National Recognition = More Opportunities

WEBCamera COastal Observing System
View cameras online at https://webcoos.org/

Southeast Water Level Network
Member Engagement Opportunities

**WEBINARS**

**COMMITTEES**
MEMBER REFRESH IN FALL

**SUPPORTING NEXT GENERATIONS**

**DRONES IN COASTAL ZONE COP**
(NEW)

**SOUTHEAST WATER LEVEL WORKSHOP**
June 13-15, 2023
Thank you for being a member!
Together we are working towards:

CREATING HEALTHY COASTAL OCEANS FOR RESILIENT FUTURES
CULTIVATING COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITIES
DELIVERING DATA TO DRIVE DECISION MAKING
DELIVERING DATA FOR DECISIONS

OBSERVATIONS, ACCESS, AND ENGAGEMENT
Science Committee Update

Nick Shay, Science Committee Chair
Science Committee Update

Members
- Nick Shay, UM RSMAS (Chair)
- John McCombs, NOAA
- Lynn Leonard, UNCW
- Gary Mitchum, USF CMS
- Vince Lovko, Mote Marine Laboratory
- Ruoying He, NCSU
- Bill Savidge, UGA SkIO
- Nicole Elko, SCBA
- Vince Lovko, Mote Marine Lab
- Bryan Franks, JU
- Yonggang Liu, USF CMS
- Kate Hubbard, FWC FWRI
- Patrick Barrineau, Coastal Science & Engineering
- Mike Muglia, ECU CSI

Activities
- Reviewed and updated plan the HAB’s
- Version 2 HAB plan to be uploaded on website
- Discussed and reviewed the modeling framework
- Discussion on new and lower cost technologies

Upcoming
- Updates on adding data in the Data Portal and review of Metadata formats
- Evaluation of lower cost technologies
Education and Outreach Committee

Abbey Wakely
SECOORA
Education and Outreach Committee Updates

Calls: June and September

Data Challenge - 4 submissions
- Grad: Owen Silvera, FAU: proposal “Multiyear Analysis of Chlorophyll Spikes in the IRL: Coupling Bloom Events & HABs to Potential Sediment Sources in a Lake-Canal-Estuarine Continuum"
- Undergrad: Tim Hesford, UNCW: “The spatial structure of storm events in the South Atlantic Bight"

Vembu Award - 5 submissions
- Luis Sorinas Morales, USF, will present at AGU
- Mason Thackston, FAU, will present at the OCEANS conference

Upcoming: Curriculum request for proposals

Members
- Dwayne Porter, University of South Carolina (Chair)
- Melinda Simmons, Jacksonville University
- Lynn Leonard, University of North Carolina Wilmington
- EV Bell, South Carolina Sea Grant
- Aly Busse, Mote Marine Laboratory
- Mary Conley, The Nature Conservancy
- Katy Smith, University of Georgia Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant
Executive Committee Update

Gary Mitchum
SECOORA Chair
Executive Committee Update

- Hosting monthly calls
- Savannah State University Partnership
- Develop Board Meeting agendas
- Assisting with staffing changes
- Executive Director review completed
Voting Results
FY 24 Operating Budget

March 30, 2023

PASSED
Board of Directors Election Results
Welcome New Returning and Board Members

Gary Mitchum
USF College of Marine Science

Erin Hague
TetraTech
By-Law Changes

Jim Murley, Governance Committee Chair
Committee Recognition

- Members: Jim Murley (Chair), Cliff Merz, Lynn Leonard, and Tracey Smart
- May 2022 Charge: review the by-laws to ensure current practices are reflected in the by-laws and Board composition is reviewed.
- Key items reviewed:
  - Affiliate membership voting rights
  - Increasing the number of public seats
  - Review committee language and remove those no longer needed
  - Add a section on Financial Policy and Procedures
- Timeline: Two meetings held, presented to Board for vote in December 2022, Members voted in May 2023 election
Recommendations for Changes to By-Laws - PASSED

1. Expand the number of Public Seats from 1 to 3, and actively recruit more diverse voices.

2. Change quorum to use Robert's Rule (greater than 50% of membership).

3. Remove or revise tasks and committees to reflect the current operations of SECOORA.

Thank you, Board Members!

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