

SECOORA Board Conference Call

March 12, 2015
2:00 PM- 3:00PM

Attending: Lisa Adams, Steve Woll, Conrad Lautenbacher, Peter Hamilton, Tim Short, Kathleen O'Keife, William Hogarth, Jim Nelson, George Voulgaris, Lynn Leonard, Nick Shay, Rick DeVoe, Megan Lee, Debra Hernandez, Vembu Subramanian, Abbey Wakely

Not Attending: Ruoying He, Mitch Roffer, Roger Pugliese, Dick Dodge

Agenda:

1. Roll call
 - a. Megan performed the roll call.
 - b. Conrad stated we have enough for quorum.
2. Review/Approve Slate for May 2015 Board Elections
 - a. Conrad reviewed the slate with the Board.
 - b. Slate:
 - i. Two Seats Available: Industry/Private Sector:
 1. Jeff Copeland (WeatherFlow, Inc.)
 - ii. One Seat Available: Academic/Research/Education Sector:
 1. Bob Weisberg (University of South Florida)
 - iii. One Seat Available: Public Agencies/ Non-Profit/ Other Sector:
 1. Marcel Reichert (SC Department of Natural Resources)
 - iv. One Seat Available: At Large Seat- SC
 1. George Voulgaris (University of South Carolina)
 - v. One Seat Available: At Large Seat- NC
 1. Ruoying He (North Carolina State University)
 - vi. One Seat Available: At Large Seat- FL
 1. George Maul (Florida Institute of Technology)
 - c. Steve Woll stated the Board Development Committee decided to move Bob Weisberg to the Academic Institution seat.
 - d. Rick said we should aim to have a competitive election.
 - i. Debra mentioned the issue with this year's slate is several members are rotating off the Board for their mandatory one-year break in service.
 - e. Rick asked if these are three-year terms?
 - i. Debra confirmed that is correct.
 - f. Kathleen agreed with Rick. She said the same people rotate on and off the Board. Kathleen asked if there is a reason why SECOORA does not have write in capabilities for candidates?
 - i. Would that violate the policy we already have?
 1. Rick clarified he is asking about the future process not for the May 2015 elections.
 - ii. Debra said the nominating process is a procedure the Board Development Committee reviews and adopts each year. Write in options are not mentioned in the by-laws.

- g. Conrad stated the Board could make a recommendation to the Board Development Committee to add a write in candidate line for next year.
 - h. Kathleen stated SECOORA is constantly looking for outside involvement.
 - i. Debra reminded the group that you have to be a SECOORA Member to run for the Board and most of the Board seats are reserved for Institutional Members.
 - i. Lynn asked if the existing slate accounts for the required geographical distribution?
 - i. Debra stated she believes that is correct and will report back with an answer.
 - j. Conrad recommended we move forward and add "Diversifying the Board" to the Annual Board Meeting agenda. It was agreed this warranted further discussion.
 - k. Steve motioned to accept the slate as prepared. Nick seconded.
 - i. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Review/Approve FY16 SECOORA Provisional Operating Budget
- a. Peter reviewed the operating budget and stated most everything aligns with previous years.
 - b. Conrad opened the floor to questions.
 - i. Hearing none, Conrad asked for a motion.
 - c. Bill Hogarth motioned to approve the FY16 SECOORA Provisional Operating Budget. Jim Nelson seconded.
 - i. The motion was unanimously approved.
4. Conrad asked if there is other business to discuss.
- a. Debra asked the Board to please reach out to their congressional representatives and encourage them to include IOOS in their Appropriations request. She explained we are also seeking support in reauthorizing the ICOOS Act. Abbey sent an email on Tuesday with the necessary information. Debra and Conrad were on the Hill last week and visited congressional offices.
5. The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.