

SECOORA BOARD MEETING

JULY 19, 2012 10 AM-11AM : VIA CONFERENCE CALL

Board Members Present:

Cliff Merz
Jyotika Virmani
George Maul
Mike Spranger
Shirley Pomponi
Dick Dodge
Mitch Roffer
Peter Hamilton
Jim Nelson
Roger Pugliese
Peter Sheng
Lynn Leonard
Pat Welsh
Steve Woll
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Nick Shay
Georges Weatherly
John Proni
Lundie Spence
George Voulgaris

Board Members Absent:

Conrad Lautenbacher
Rick DeVoe
Bob Weisberg

Quorum was met at 10:10

Minutes Approval – May 7, 2012 Meeting

Pat Welsh gave a motion to approve the minutes; Cliff Merz seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Officer Elections

Debra Hernandez asked the Board for Chair nominations. The following was received:

Chair Nomination- Dick Dodge, nominated by Mitch Roffer

Since the Chair seat was not contested, Debra Hernandez asked for voice votes. The Board unanimously voted in favor of Dick Dodge as Chairman.

Dick Dodge asked the Board for the Nominations of Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. The following were received:

Vice Chair Nomination – Mitch Roffer, nominated by Roger Pugliese

Treasurer Nomination – Conrad Lautenbacher, nominated by Lynn Leonard

Secretary Nomination – Lynn Leonard, nominated by Mitch Roffer

Since none of the above seats were contested, Dick Dodge asked for voice votes. The Board unanimously voted in favor of the above-mentioned nominees.

The ExCom is comprised of 5 members. Because Harvey Seim is no longer on the board there is a vacant seat on the ExCom. Therefore, an At- Large ExCom Election took place. Dick Dodge asked the board for nominations. The following were received:

At-Large Seat Nominations- George Maul, nominated by Georges Weatherly
Pat Welsh, nominated by Lynn Leonard

After an email vote (following the Board Officer Election Process for July 2012 document) Pat Welsh was elected for the ExCom At-Large Seat.

Congratulations to the FY13 ExCom:

Chair, Dick Dodge

Vice Chair, Mitch Roffer

Secretary, Lynn Leonard

Treasurer, Conrad Lautenbacher

At Large Member, Pat Welsh

Discussion - Monthly Board Calls

1. As background, Gerhard Kuska from MARACOOS (another Regional Association) spoke at our annual May meeting and one of the highlights of his talk was the success that MARACOOS has with monthly board calls. Jyotika Virmani suggested that SECOORA explore similar calls to see if they promote Board involvement/discussion.
2. Major discussion points were as follows:
 - a. Staff updates are given in the monthly newsletters- so these meetings do not need to be a recap of this information.
 - b. It was agreed that these meetings should be topic based, lead by board member volunteers, and should take place at a regularly scheduled time (i.e. 1st Monday of the quarter, etc.). This would alleviate staff's time managing the meetings.
 - c. It was suggested that these meetings occur in between our annual and fall meetings.
 - d. ACTION: Debra to email the board asking for volunteers to lead these sessions as well as asking for topics. She will also designate a standard day and time for these calls. The Board requested these meetings be in the morning.

Updates – Fall Board Meeting Planning

1. Staff is working with facilitators at the NOAA Coastal Services Center in Charleston, SC to form a process agenda for this 2-day meeting.
2. This meeting is extremely important and a quorum is needed – the process is anticipated to be about 12 hours worth of participation and discussion. Overall, we will be determining guidance for SECOORA funding.
3. When originally polling dates for the board meeting - Nov 5th and 6th were the only possible dates that had a quorum. However, Nov 6th is Election Day. The board discussed this issue and it was determined that the meeting would not take place on Nov 5th and 6th and that staff would send out another Doodle poll. The 2-day meeting will still take place in Atlanta, GA.

Updates – IOOS Summit

1. Debra reminded Board members that this is an invitation – only meeting and each Regional Association is allotted 3 seats. Three primary and three alternate names need to be submitted from

SECOORA to the Summit Coordinators by August 1st, 2012. Dick proposed that Debra send out an email to the membership that requests those interested in attending on SECOORA's behalf need to submit a statement of interest to her. The ExCom will then review the requests and decide the final list.

2. Chapter Leads in the SECOORA Region are Debra Hernandez and Harvey Seim. Approximately 10 SECOORA Members are a part of White Paper's being submitted.