



NFRA Board of Directors Conference Call
Tuesday, September 21, 2010

Board Members Participants: Julie Thomas, Jorge Corredor, Molly McCammon, Chris Ostrander, Heather Kerkering, Malcolm Spaulding, Nancy Rabalais, Debra Hernandez, Roy Watlington, Harvey Seim; Others: Judy Krauthamer, Chris Cohen; NFRA Staff: Josie Quintrell, Cassie Durette

Meeting called to order at 3:03 by Molly McCammon, Chair

Motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2010 meeting- Approved.
Malcolm Spaulding moved the motion, Julie Thomas seconded it. No changes or edits. Vote: Approved, unanimously

Motion to accept the FY11 Operating Budget- Adopted.
Julie Thomas, NFRA Treasurer, presented the operating budget for fiscal year October 1, 2010-September 30, 2011. Nancy Rabalais moved the motion, Roy Watlington seconded it. Vote: approved, unanimously.

Discussion: Structure of the Executive Committee
Over the summer, the Executive Committee had been discussing ways to engage more Board members in NFRA discussions. Last year, NFRA voted to expand the Executive Committee from 4 to 8 members. The Executive Committee recommends that full Board conference calls be held every other month (rotating with the RA/IOOS calls) to allow for more participation by the Board. There was general agreement to try this and evaluate its effectiveness after a year.

Discussion: FY12 Budget Request and Strategy
Josie presented a draft request to be used in a meeting with OMB in October for FY12 and an outline of a strategy to work with the administration, congress and partners.

- Ask is \$53M; \$30M for monitoring offshore oil impacts.
- Strategy is to move forward with ask for FY12 for OMB and revisit after the November elections and develop final ask for congress then.

Discussion: Review Agenda for the NFRA Annual Meeting
Molly presented the agenda for the NFRA Annual Meeting to be held on November 15.

- Topic items include: Discussion for impact of fall elections, advocacy strategy for 2011, update regional document, roundtable of issues, and CMSP discussion. Harvey recommended a discussion on the National Ocean Policy- Josie will add this to the agenda.
- Molly recommended the board discuss the status of the ICOOS act implementation during the meeting and establish what to discuss during the workshop the two days after.

Discussion: NFRA Trip to DC
Josie presented the preliminary itinerary for the NFRA trip to DC on October 6-7.

- IOOS Advocacy Meeting, October 6 at the Consortium for Ocean Leadership (conference call available). The purpose of the meeting is to convene the RAs and IOOS partners (including government relations experts) to discuss the strategy for FY12.



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- Oct 6- Afternoon with the IOOS Program Office to discuss certification, gap analysis and other programmatic issues. Conference Call on Certification, Oct 6 at 3 p.m.
- Future DC meetings: Organize one that focuses on Shipping and Port Authorities and bring in regional experts to meet with national organizations.
- All Board members are invited and welcome to participate in these trips.
- Key part for regions is to nurture congressional contacts.
- Spring meeting in DC, possibly February 7, possible reception with COL.
- Congress in recess October 8- Josie recommends contacting staffers, making press releases, and hosting press events.

Discussion: Establishing Dates for 2011

January 18	NFRA Board Conference Call
Feb 7 th	Congressional Hill Visits/NFRA Board Meeting
May 17	NFRA Board Conference Call
July 19	NFRA Board Conference Call
Oct	NFRA Annual Meeting - Location: New England

- Congressional Hill Visits/NFRA Board meeting- February 7 week- Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.
- Josie is working with Dave Easter to come up with plan for next two years for regional meetings.

Adjourned at 4:09pm ET.