NFRA Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, November 15, 2011  
Commodore Room, Hilton Garden Inn Downtown Waterfront  
65 Commercial Street, Portland, ME 04101  
Call in: 218-486-1600 377 767#  

AGENDA

Business Meeting
8:30 Welcome and Roll Call  
Molly McCammon, Chair

8:40 Motion: To Adopt Minutes from 8/16/11  
Molly McCammon

8:45 Annual Conflict of Interest Statement  
Molly McCammon

8:50 Financial Report  
Julie Thomas, Treasurer
  Motion: To Adopt Operating Budget for FY12
  Motion: To Approve NFRA Financial Policies
  Motion: To Approve NFRA Travel Policies

9:15 Election of Officers and Committee Members  
Harvey Seim, Nominating Committee
  Motion: To elect the proposed suite of officers for NFRA for 2 year term
  Motion: To elect members to the Executive Committee
  Motion: To elect members of the Finance Committee

9:30 Adjourn Business Meeting

NFRA Meeting
9:30 RA Certification: Review of Criteria, Response to Process  
The IOOC released a final draft of the criteria for public comment. In addition, Dave Easter of the IOOS Program Office has asked for input from the RAs on the certification process by December 16, 2012. Each RA is urged to submit comments. This discussion will focus on key comments and concern that NFRA wants to submit.  
Attached: Draft NFRA issue paper

10:15 Break

10:30 National HFR Radar Plan for the $5m in the FY12 President’s Budget  
Background: Jack Harlan sent a recommended plan developed by the HFR Technical Team for the allocation of the $5m in the FY12 President Budget for HFR.  
Discussion: Scott Glenn, a member of the Technical Team, will provide a short overview of the Team’s deliberation. (10 Min)  
Discussion: Are there programmatic questions/clarifications that NFRA wants raise with the IOOS Program Office? (20 min)

11:00 Sensor Technology Grants: $8.5m for Technology Grants
The FY12 President's budget also includes $8.5 m for sensor technology grants. The IOOS Office made a presentation about this at the last IOOS/RA call. The budget language is specific about how this money should be allocated.

11:30 Preparing for possible budget scenarios
   The federal budget is unlike any process anyone has seen. Depending on the outcome of the Super Committee, the government may be forced to make even deeper cuts. This discussion will explore possible responses to budget scenarios. Some funding scenarios for FY 13:
   1) FY12 President's request - $31 regions/$6.7 NOAA IOOS
   2) Regional line cut, federal line cut proportionally
   3) Regional line cut, no cuts in federal line
   4) NFRA position on the model test bed and sensor validation

12:00 Lunch - Served downstairs at the hotel

1:00 RA Round Table (10min for each RA) Molly McCammon, moderator
   Issues and/or concerns to be raised with other RAs
   Where should NFRA focus its efforts for the coming year
   Other comments

2:30 Break

2:45 Priorities for FY 12
   Review of survey of Board
   Discussion of Priorities for the coming year for NFRA
   Discussion of suggestions for working with IOOS Program Office

3:30 Advocacy for 2012

4:30 New Name for NFRA

5:00 Other Business

5:15 Adjourn

5:30 Walk/run on Eastern Promenade Trail, meet downstairs at the Hotel (weather dependent)

6:30 Dinner at Flatbreads across the street from the hotel. Note that cost of dinner is not included in the meeting.