

**U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee
Administrative Virtual Meeting
November 1, 2021
3:30-5:30 PM ET**

1. *Meeting Welcome and Roll Call* (Krisa Arzayus)

K. Arzayus welcomed the committee to the admin meeting and L. Gewain took roll.

Attendees: S. Rayder, S. Graves, O. Schofield, J. Pereira, R. Winokur, M. McCammon, B. Derex, K. Arzayus, D. West, L. Gewain, H. Rivera, J. Read, E. Lee, D. Rudnick, J. Virmani, N. Rome, J. Quintrell, R. Perry

2. *Announcements/ Current Events* (Scott Rayder, Krisa Arzayus)

- Status of new members
 - K. Arzayus noted that the onboarding of new members is still in progress and therefore were unable to join this meeting. An interim meeting will be scheduled with the new members as an orientation prior to the public meetings on Nov 29th and Dec 6th.
 - The incoming members are Jason Biggs, Dan Costa, Catherine Edwards, Julio Morell, and Eoin Howlett.
- Meeting with NOS Assistant Administrator Nicole LeBoeuf
 - S. Rayder and S. Graves met with Nicole LeBoeuf and discussed the NOAA recommendations and provided insight on where she could play a role in advocating IOOS to NOAA leadership. S. Rayder noted that observations across NOAA and how NOS could be a champion for integration and collaboration across the line offices were discussed. Other discussion items included raising operational oceanography (NOS/IOOS) to be considered a core capability, coastal resiliency, and better integrating the enterprise. S. Graves added that since Nicole LeBoeuf is not interim anymore, we could get a stronger action plan going forward and noted that the National Ocean Council (NOC) need to be included in the conversation going forward.
 - Q/A:
 - M. McCammon noted that the NOAA SAB has focus groups looking at the role of NOAA in coastal resilience by stakeholders. They see NOAA as a hub/central source of tools, products and data. It's a gap—they want to see it all together.
 - S. Rayder added that we need to see how reconciliation is going to end up. New budget Congress did not call out IOOS by name, but the money is coming to IOOS.
- Status of IOOC response to the IOOS AC recommendations
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- Budget updates
 - B. Derex walked the committee through the shared budget table.
 - Q/A:
 - B. Winokur asked if the infrastructure bill is a one year or 10-year bill.

- B. Derex noted that annual appropriations are on an annual basis, reconciliation is awarded once for 5-10 years, and infrastructure bill will be awarded 5 times and 5-year funds.
- B. Winokur asked if we have spending plans/ an unfunded requirements list in place.
- S. Rayder asked if this has been run by Spinrad and if the diversity of funds coming into IOOS are for an IOOS-specific issue.
 - B. Derex noted that there is uncertainty and lots of different scenario are being planned.
 - M. McCammon noted that the RAs have already completed their 5-year plans in case the money comes in.

3. **Public Meeting Agenda (November 29 and December 6) Development** (Becca Derex)

K. Arzayus walk the committee through the agenda for upcoming public meetings.

- Review [agenda](#)
- Structure and goals of the work session

B. Derex asked what the committee is most interested in hearing during the briefs:

- J. Read noted that it would interesting to hear IOOC response to the FAC recommendations. B. Winokur agreed and noted he'd like to hear what the IOOC considers to be the keys issues going forward. O. Schofield agreed and noted it would help guide the FAC work plan.
- S. Rayder noted that it would be nice to hear from Dr. Spinrad on the role of IOOS. D. West added that we can have access to sequestered info as special govt agents. B. Winokur agreed that it would be great to hear that information as well as feedback on what the FAC can do for IOOS/NOS. J. Virmani added that it would be good to hear about the climate priorities in new administration.

B. Derex noted that the public meeting will include a work planning session followed by a free form discussion. The committee was asked their thoughts on the best structure for the planning session.

- B. Winokur suggested that IOOS PO could come in with a short list that they want us to work on. S. Rayder asked if Dr. Spinrad can tell us where they want us to go. M. McCammon noted that he's been discussing Climate Services, Social Justice, and the New Blue Economy. J. Virmani added that the briefings will help us determine the gaps in our work. B. Winokur noted that a briefing on the UxS would be helpful in the work planning as well.
- B. Derex asked if the session is long enough for the committee. Most committee members agreed that the more time devoted to this session the better. The committee agreed that the planning should be done in a larger group and the details can be worked out at our Spring in-person meeting via breakout sessions. B. Derex thanked the members for their input and noted that we could have preparatory working groups help build out the framework of the plan.

4. **Meeting wrap-up, Q&A** (Krisa Arzayus)

K. Arzayus thanked the members and closed the meeting.