

**U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee  
Administrative Virtual Meeting  
February 17, 2022  
4:00 - 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. The main discussion points for this meeting include an overview of the work plan, the PWG assignments, and brainstorming for the upcoming public meeting.

*Attendees:* S. Rayder, S. Graves, R. Winokur, M. McCammon, K. Arzayus, D. West, L. Gewain, J. Read, D. Rudnick, J. Virmani, J. Quintrell, C. Gouldman, C. Edwards, D. Costa, J. Biggs, J. Morell, S. Nardelli, S. Yee, E. Howlett, R. Hermanowicz, K. Desai

**2. *Annual Ethics Briefing and Swearing In of New Members*** (Rebecca Hermanowicz)

R. Hermanowicz (Office of General Council) provided the mandatory, annual ethics briefing to the FAC members as special government employees. Two main topics were covered for the ethics briefing:

1. **Political Activities:** All FAC members are reminded that they are only restricted from political activities in terms of this meeting and the days that are spent working on FAC activities. FAC members may not engage in partisan political activities during the circumstances listed above. Partisan political activities are defined as anything that supports or denigrates a partisan political party or candidate. Additionally, FAC members are not allowed to participate in any partisan political fundraising any day on which they participated or worked on FAC activities.
2. **Use of Government Resources:** FAC members may utilize their title on the committee in a larger biography of themselves, as long as it is not given any specific prominence. Additionally, members may not be paid to write or speak about the programs, policies, or operations of NOAA or this committee. Members may write or speak without compensation, but the remarks have to be reviewed by the NOAA Public Affairs Office for a confidentiality check.

***Swearing In of New Members and Oath of Office***

K. Arzayus swore in the new members and led the group in the oath of office.

**3. *Work Plan and Preparatory Work Group Assignments*** (Krisa Arzayus)

K. Arzayus reviewed the new FAC work plan and asked the members to confirm their PWG assignments. The assignments were confirmed by the FAC.

- B. Winokur asked if there would be staff support for the PWGs.
  - K. Arzayus confirmed that there will be support from the IOOS PO and COL.

K. Arzayus outlined the next steps for the PWGs and the plan for beginning work on the recommendations. She noted that doodle polls will be disseminated to determine the initial meeting of the PWGs.

- M. McCammon asked how the PWGs will determine their focus areas as the work plan has a long list of subtopics for each larger area.

- S. Yee asked if there will be predetermined leads for each group or if they will self select.
  - K. Arzayus noted that the groups can self-select.
- J. Virmani asked if there is a timeline or number of recommendations that need to be set.
  - S. Rayder noted that the NOAA focused recommendations may have the most influence prior to the budget cycle (Oct 30).
- B. Winokur expressed that this timeline was too fast. He added that the members need background briefings and more information on each area before they can develop focused and influential recommendations.
  - M. McCammon agreed and asked if the FAC should attempt separating their essential recommendations from the full report to accommodate the budget timeline.
  - J. Virmani agreed and supported this approach. She also asked if there were people who would brief us prior to the public meeting.
    - C. Goulman noted that he is privy to details on the plans for the New Blue Economy and can provide a briefing.
- D. Costa noted that the new members need to see the previous reports and the PWGs need to agree to a type of report as we plan a timeline.
- J. Quintrell suggested that the new DEIA Fellow at the IOOS Association could be helpful to the PWG on Diversity, Inclusion, and Service Equity. She also noted that she could brief the committee at the public meeting.
  - S. Graves asked if Environmental Justice needs to be separated under the topic.
    - Most members agreed that it can be determined at the PWG level.
- K. Arzayus asked if the members would prefer the topical briefings should be presented to each PWG.
  - B. Winokur stated that it would be more beneficial for the full committee to hear all of the briefings prior to breaking into PWG to determine focus and recommendations.
- D. West asked if the PO knows how Dr. Sprinard will be tracking priority progress. He noted that they will be looking at how the New Blue Economy will be included in the new NOAA Strategic Plan. He added that the most important step right now is understanding how Dr. Spinrad plans on meeting his priorities.
  - M. McCammon asked if there are POCs for Dr. Spinrad's priority areas.
    - K. Arzayus noted that they will investigate to determine who can brief the committee.
    - C. Gouldman noted that he will share the New Blue Economy listening session details with the FAC.
    - S. Rayder noted that the POCs for the New Blue Economy are C. Gouldman for NOS and Nicole LeBeouf for NOAA, Ko Barrett for Climate Services, and not sure about DEIA.

The committee came to the overall consensus that they would like to hear briefings from the NOAA POCs on the topical areas before the public meeting and the PWG meetings to help define their focus area. K. Arzayus noted that they will reach out and schedule those briefings.

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

For the budget update, S. Rayder noted that NOAA will be getting a FY22 budget with a directed spending earmarks. The spend plan for infrastructure has not gone to the Hill. S. Rayder asked if we know anything about FY23. K. Arzayus noted the President's Budget has been delayed (expected to be shared mid-March) and that NOAA received a passback recently. S. Rayder noted that a short

term CR will be used until appropriation and added that he is not sure what will happen with Build Back Better.

## 5. **Public Meeting Planning**

K. Arzayus noted that a poll will be sent to the committee to help decide if the public meeting will be virtual or in-person/hybrid. The potential dates are Apr 11-14 and Apr 25-29 in Washington D.C. If virtual, an in-person meeting may be considered for late summer or early fall depending on the state of the pandemic. The topics for the meeting will align with the PWG themes: Blue economy: Wind energy, Environmental Justice and DEIA, and Climate change.

K. Arzayus also noted that the team will follow up and identify the POCs for Dr. Spinrad's priorities and have them brief the PWGs prior to or during the public meeting.

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

K. Arzayus adjourned the meeting and thanked the committee for their time. She noted that follow up with a poll on meeting format and information on the PWGs and briefings will be sent shortly.