

**U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee  
Administrative Virtual Meeting  
February 2, 2023  
2:00-3:15 PM ET**

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

K. Arzayus welcomed the committee and L. Gewain took roll.

Attendees: S. Rayder, S. Graves, J. Biggs, C. Edwards, M. McCammon, R. Perry, J. Read, D. Rudnick, O. Schofield, J. Virmani, D. West, B. Winokur, K. Yarincik, C. Schmaus, S. Yee, K. Arzayus, L. Gewain, C. Edwards, A. Boone-Ofosu, K. Desai, R. Hermanowicz

K. Arzayus noted that the recommendations for Phase 1 were transmitted to Dr. Spinrad earlier in the day.

**2. *Ethics Briefing*** (Rebecca Hermanowicz, DOC Attorney)

Members received an Ethics briefing from Rebecca Hermanowicz. R. Hermanowicz noted that all IOOS FAC members had completed their financial disclosure paperwork and should have received an email by now from her with their certifications.

**3. *Phase 2 Working Groups*** (Krisa Arzayus)- [Link to work plan](#)

K. Arzayus went through each of the three Phase 2 PWGs, to make sure everyone had signed up for the correct group. The goal is for each FAC member to serve on at least one group.

- Marine Life Program: Ruth requested to be added
- Enterprise Excellence: K. Arzayus hopes to add an ex-officio member. She reminded the members that this topic now includes the IOOS Program Review.
- NOPP: D. West suggested adding a link to the NOPP Act in the Work Plan. This group does not have a designated chair, but it was decided to continue as one may emerge after the first meeting.

B. Winokur requested copies of the briefings on these topics received at the December meeting.

K. Arzayus said the objective of the initial Phase 2 meetings will be to define the scope of each group and identify what other information or speakers each group needs.

K. Arzayus reviewed the timeline for the Phase 2 PWGs as listed in the Work Plan. There was confusion among members about what was expected for the June public meeting.

K. Arzayus clarified that preliminary recommendations were not expected at that meeting, but rather to report on progress defining the PWG scope/objectives. To help clarify, J. Virmani suggested adding to the timeline when preliminary recommendations

would be expected. K. Arzayus reminded the members that all of their terms end in August 2024. M. McCammon suggested having preliminary recommendations due for the fall 2023 meeting (Nov/Dec). At this point, the Committee may decide to reevaluate the topics (ex. delay, focus on subset of topics as these topics are very big). There was general consensus to this plan.

C. Edwards reminded the members to complete the polls sent on January 31 to schedule the initial Phase 2 PWG meetings. K. Arzayus re-introduced C. Edwards, who will be helping K. Arzayus to manage the IOOS AC as B. Derex steps back from her IOOS AC duties. K. Arzayus also introduced Amira Boone-Ofosu, the new office coordinator, who will be helping with meeting planning and invitational travel.

S. Graves asked if someone would be facilitating the upcoming PWG meetings as done before. K. Arzayus said C. Edwards would be.

#### 4. *June Public Meeting* (Krisa Arzayus)

K. Arzayus reminded the Committee that they discussed in December having their next public meeting on the West Coast. K. Arzayus reached out to the 3 RA Directors on the West Coast to see if they would be willing to host, and CeNCOOS in Monterey has agreed. Henry Ruhl (CeNCOOS Executive Director) has reserved a meeting space for June 27-29 already, but we wanted to check with members on availability. K. Arzayus added that hybrid options will be available, but in-person attendance is preferred. Ruth and Sara have conflicts the first half of the last week of June. Catherine would not be available the week prior. The IOOS office will send out a poll to determine the best dates in the last week of June.

The Committee discussed possible briefings/speakers for the June meeting. K. Arzayus said the meeting will be 2.5 days long.

- Updates from the IOOS Program Office, IOOS Association, and IOOC
- Session on CeNCOOS specific activities and stakeholders
  - D. West suggested spending at least half the meeting on local topics
- Working sessions and briefings for Phase 2 PWGs
- Inviting Dr. Spinrad- There was initial discussion of inviting him to speak on the execution of BIL and IRA, but it was later decided to focus this meeting on more local topics and to save this idea for the fall 2023 meeting.
- How the West Coast envisions coastal/climate signal (M. McCammon)
  - Pacific Anomalies Workshops (PAWs) (D. West)
  - Suggestion to get D. Costa's input (O. Schofield)
- Invite local officials to make aware that NOAA has an important program in their region (D. West)
  - Suggestion of Leon Panetta, but S. Rayder wants "the new Leon Panetta" (Jimmy)
- Margaret Spring from Monterey Bay Aquarium (S. Rayder)

- Navy - Naval Research Lab, Naval Postgraduate School, Fleet Numerical Meteorology and Oceanography Center (FNMOC) (B. Winokur)
- Overview from MBARI on biological oceanography/marine life technology developments by Chris Scholin (J. Virmani)
- Marcia McNutt on ocean observing (S. Rayder)
  - Has history and unique perspective on the topic, but not at MBARI anymore
  - Decided better for DC meeting
- Membership discussion and succession planning (S. Rayder)

K. Arzayus asked if the Committee was interested in including an optional field trip with the meeting. S. Graves said she preferred to not take up meeting time for this, but an optional trip could be included at the end of the meeting

5. **Meeting wrap-up** (Krisa Arzayus)

K. Arzayus listed the actions for Committee members.

- Keep brainstorming speaker/briefing ideas for June meeting
- Complete polls for Phase 2 PWG meetings