

**U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee
Administrative Virtual Meeting
November 6, 2023
3:00-4:00 PM ET**

Attendance

Advisory Committee Members: Sara Graves, Catherine Edwards, Eoin Howlett, Molly McCammon, Julio Morell, Dan Rudnick, Carrie Schmaus, Jyotika Virmani, Dick West, Bob Winokur, Kristen Yarincik, Susan Yee

IOOS Staff: Krisa Arzayus, Courtney Edwards, Amira Boone-Ofosu

1. *Meeting Welcome*

K. Arzayus welcomed the Advisory Committee (AC) and noted it was her first day back from being on detail. The next public meeting for the Committee is December 4-5.

2. *Updates on Phase 2 Working Groups*

Each of the Advisory Committee Preparatory Working Groups (PWG) provided an update on their recent activities.

- **NOPP**
 - Draft report has been prepared with 3 recommendations.
 - Over the last week, some additional edits have been made and the group is still wordsmithing. But it will be ready to share in advance of the December public meeting.
 - The group didn't want to tailor the recommendations too much to IOOS, because there are other parts of NOAA that they are relevant for.
- **Marine Life**
 - The chairs were not able to make it today, so Courtney Edwards provided the update.
 - The current recommendations focus on 1) developing a national inventory of biological measurements routinely made across IOOS, and 2) standardization of core biological measurements across IOOS enterprise.
 - The PWG last met at end of September where they discussed including:
 - Which systems are more mature than others (ex. Animal tracking vs eDNA)
 - Connections with existing efforts, like Sanctuaries or NERRS
 - Additional content about including global components to the regional measurements
 - Edits are still on-going.
- **Enterprise Excellence**

- The chairs have been especially busy and haven't made as much progress as anticipated.
- They need to circle back to the questionnaires and surveys previously discussed.
- They are aware the IOOS Program Office and RA's have been overwhelmed lately with the new funding opportunities. Therefore it might be helpful to see how this is impacting the entire Enterprise.
- There are also delays with funding getting out which is impacting the Enterprise.
- The group did not anticipate providing specific recommendations of improvements in the Enterprise, but rather suggested areas of self-examination
- ACTION: Schedule PWG meeting prior to December public meeting.

3. *Logistics for December Public Meeting*

Courtney Edwards reviewed logistics for the December meeting.

- Hotel - College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
 - 13 minute drive to the meeting space
 - There are at least 2 AC members that are renting cars, so between those and IOOS staff, there will be plenty of room for rides
- Meeting Space - NOAA National Center for Weather and Climate Prediction
 - Parking - Free on site, park on 3rd level of garage
 - Security - Please be sure to bring your ID to get through the security gate
- Meals - Kloud Cafe
 - Link to order: <https://kloudcafe.wufoo.com/forms/q186yax10hqe33r/>
 - Pay individually through link
 - Cafe is open and accessible for additional snacks or coffee during breaks
- Meals - Dinner
 - Planning on group dinner night of December 4
 - Location still TBD

A.Boone-Ofosu noted that everyone who needs to has sent her the travel request form. If any problems arise with ticketing, she will email the member directly. Please check your emails consistently in case there are any travel changes.

B.Winokur said he will now likely be virtual. K .Arzayus asked if people who don't pre-order can still get lunch at the café. Courtney Edwards will follow up with the venue to confirm.

4. *Agenda for December Public Meeting*

K. Arzayus began with recent developments that will impact the agenda. Originally the meeting began at 12:00 pm on December 4. However, we are proposing starting at 11:00 am ET to hold a joint session with the IOOC, who is also meeting separately that day. We are still working out the logistics for the combined virtual meeting. D. West asked for a list of IOOC members.

The second update is that the lunch session on December 4 will now be an Executive Session. Rachel Fontana, the Director of the NOS Policy and Constituent Affairs Division (PCAD) will provide a briefing. She recently did the same at the Hydrographic Services Review Panel meeting. IOOS is looking to make this type of briefing a regular occurrence at future meetings.

R. Winokur asked if the meeting would be canceled if there is a government shutdown that extends to this meeting. K. Arzayus confirmed, noting that no Advisory Committee work can occur during a shutdown.

S. Graves then walked through the full agenda. She asked if the list of Accelerator presentations were all of the IRA Accelerators. K. Arzayus said IOOS is hoping that by the time of the meeting, they can announce the Phase 1 Accelerators recipients. She explained that the other group of funding went to existing programs within NOAA. S. Graves asked how long the partnerships projects have been in existence. K. Arzayus said they are existing Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) that were put out within the past year within NOAA.

S. Graves asked for more details about the “NOAA Response Deep Dive” session. K. Arzayus responded that this will be additional time to discuss the NOAA response to the Committee’s prior recommendations. Many of the recommendations relied on IRA funding to respond, so IOOS will be able to expand further now. B. Winokur asked if this was part of the public meeting, noting it comes after the public comment period. K. Arzayus said the original intent was to ensure there was time for the Committee to discuss any public comments made, but we can see about switching the two sessions.

S. Graves asked if anyone had any comments or items they would like to see on the agenda. No responses voiced.

5. *Meeting wrap-up*

S. Graves asked about the process for recommending names for suggested members. K. Arzayus noted that the solicitation for new members is published ([FRN notice here](#)).

Please feel free to reach out to people in your network that you think should apply. There is no need to run names by the IOOS office. We can also have more discussion about membership at the December meeting. We would greatly appreciate the Committee's help in socializing the solicitation.

K. Arzayus expressed gratitude to the Committee for their time and commitment.