

Ocean Alaska Science and Learning Center

Board of Directors Meeting

4:00 – 5:00 PM , May 20th, 2013

Room 420A, Anchorage Regional Office

Conference through Jim P's phone (907) 422-0502

Attendees:

Benjamin Pister, Jim Pfeiffenberger, Jeff Mow, Diane Chung, Tahzay Jones, Frank Hays (Susan Boudreau and Rebecca Talbot absent)

Agenda:

1. Technical Committee

-Benjamin's Current Vision

-Discussion of Potential Candidates including current candidates and suggestions for additions

2. Brief Update on OASLC Business

3. Next Meeting

Minutes:

Thanks for attending everyone. We had five OASLC board members and Jim attending with Susan in a meeting with the RD and Rebecca out sick. The call lasted about 45 minutes, and mostly focused on establishing the Technical Committee.

1. Benjamin started off by giving an explanation of his vision for what the Technical Committee (TC) would be tasked with.

In brief:

-Review the POPS Technical Assistance Call

-Play a role in reviewing and prioritizing the Coastal Settlement Funds

-Help develop the OASLC Strategic Plan

-Weigh in on OASLC Annual Work plan

-Help define park research and Interp/Ed needs

-Help identify what we can get/want from our partners

-The TC would consist of 10-15 people, representing most, if not all the coastal parks, and provide expertise in natural resources, cultural resources and interp/ed. Terms would be 2-3 years and time commitments are coarsely estimated at 20 hours per year, mostly in the off season.

Jeff brought up the idea that perhaps there should be someone on the TC that could speak to the subsistence perspective in the parks. After a short discussion it was unclear how critical this was. Benjamin suggested that one goal of the TC is to recognize when different perspectives need to be considered, and where to go to get them if no one on the TC could represent them. So at the very least, the TC needs to recognize when a subsistence perspective is needed and who to contact to get it, if no TC member can provide it.

Diane suggested that 10-15 people are a lot of people for a committee and would likely be difficult to manage. Benjamin acknowledged that and suggest not every TC member would be needed for every task. Several tasks would only require 5-6 people (e.g. project and proposal reviews). Also, having a larger number allows committee members to share the load a little more easily, rather than everyone doing everything.

Jeff suggested that if committee members are in regional office or sit on advisory groups they can bring a broader awareness and be in touch with what's going on in the region.

We did not go through the list of potential TC members person by person. But Benjamin acknowledged that he may not yet have adequate representation from SEAN and cultural resources to choose from. But that is changing for the latter category.

Tahzay asked how many in each category would be considered adequate, and Benjamin suggested three.

Benjamin plans to have the TC identified and established by the next meeting.

2. OASLC Business

-An IA agreement (\$8k) with USFWS for Aerial Observers Guide was recently approved. Final signatures were obtained on 5/22 after the Board meeting.

-A CESU Modification with KBRR (\$19k) has been approved and is waiting for final signatures

Diane suggested Benjamin discuss the KBRR CESU agreement with Margaret Goodro (Superintendent of LACL). There are agreements that recently expired between LACL and KBRR, and apparently there have been some disagreements about acknowledging NPS by KBRR. **ACTION ITEM:** Benjamin agreed to follow up with Margaret Goodro.

-Benjamin is working on a new CESU with the Alaska SeaLife Center (160k), and that is his current top priority.

-SCA intern Kaitlin Thoreson arrived on 5/22, for the summer. She is a media intern for the OASLC.

-Jim, Kaitlin and Benjamin will be on the Serac the first week of June to gather photos and videos, etc. for various interp and education projects.

-Benjamin will be on the SWAN nearshore trip in late June.

-Jim and Ben planning a trip to BELA in August to assist with field work and document work for interp/ed./outreach.

-Over the past few years the OASLC staff have been giving presentations on ocean issues to various interp audiences. Benjamin gave one to the Fjord Rangers at KEFJ, the APLIC interp rangers in Anchorage via webinar, and will be giving one to BELA interp rangers on June 3rd via webinar.

-Jim's MOICC training was cancelled due to sequestration (USGS cancelled the class). We'll try again next year. We see this as an asset to the region for training purposes.

3. Next Meeting

After a brief discussion about everyone's availability to meet again in July, we was decided to move the meeting to August.

ACTION ITEM: Benjamin will send out a Doodle Poll soon. Board members should respond.