

OASLC Board of Directors Meeting

Via Video Conference

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June 6th, 8:30 AM – 9:40 AM

Minutes (in black)

Participants: Benjamin Pister, Tahzay Jones, Diane Chung, Frank Hays, Jim Pfeiffenberger, Bekki Lasell, Philip Hooge

Absent: Rebecca Talbott

-Philip attended in order to ensure someone from the southeast parks was in the loop and could report back to the other parks.

-Frank called in from the airport and left the meeting to catch a plane at 9:10.

Agenda (in gray):

1. Selecting a new Chair for the Board

-A discussion took place on the specific responsibilities of the Board chair. The new chair will report back to the Board with some language outlining these responsibilities.

-The Board Charter simply directs the Board to select a chair. Frank Hays volunteered provided there is an affirmed rotation schedule, and the Board agreed. Per the Charter a chair serves a two year term. Frank will serve until the end of FY15.

-The Board will revisit who the next chair will be once the roll is fleshed out a bit more.

2. FY14 Progress Report on Work Plan and Budget

-Benjamin gave an update on the FY14 work plan: All high priority tasks have been completed or will be soon. A new science communicator has been hired and will start around the end of the fiscal year. All agreements with external partners have been submitted to contracting and some have been executed. The OASLC has a new website (<http://www.nps.gov/rlc/oceanalaska/index.htm>). A facilitator is being

contracted to help develop an Implementation Plan in the fall. Remaining OASLC base funds for FY14 will go towards an ocean acidification teacher workshop to be held in southeast Alaska.

-There was discussion about sending the Arctic Impressions exhibit up to Arctic parks and villages. The Board determined Rebecca's input was needed and Benjamin would follow up with emails after the meeting.

3. FY15 Work Plan Process

-An inclusive process is needed to establish the FY15 work plan. (The future implementation plan should inform FY16 – FY20, or so.) Benjamin pitched an idea to initiate a "Call for Ideas", where parks would submit one to two paragraphs on an idea that aligns with the OASLC mission and park needs. Jim and Benjamin would then help authors develop the idea. "Proposed ideas" with more detail would then be discussed, reviewed and chosen by the Technical Committee and Board in the fall. Benjamin will revisit this task when he returns to work in August.

Other Notes:

-The Board wishes to acknowledge and thank Rebecca for her efforts in developing an Interpretation-focused proposal to consider for the Coastal Marine Grants.

-Benjamin will relocate to the regional office starting June 26th pending the birth of his kid in mid-July. He can be reached by phone at x5514 during that time, and of course, by email.