

OASLC Board of Directors Meeting

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Regional Office Room 420B

Call in: 866-810-1272

Participant Code: 5366629

**Participants:** Benjamin Pister, Frank Hays (chair), Tahzay Jones, Diane Chung, Bekki Lasell, Rebecca Talbott, Jim Pfeiffenberger **Absent:** Philip Hooge

**Agenda/Minutes:**

The meeting began with a summary of progress in regards to the memo Sue Masica sent with the 2012 management review.

1. Establish Board of Directors ... Done, but need to establish a rotation. Benjamin will put together a draft as soon as possible. Bekki suggested taking the KEFJ supe out of rotation for SWAN representation. Such a move will require an amendment to the charter in the future. We should probably stagger rotations off the Board to avoid knowledge drain.
  2. Develop a strategic plan ... Scheduled this spring
  3. Reallocate resource towards 2/3 I&E and 1/3 research ... Moving in that direction
  4. Stress greater transparency ... Have made great progress but could still make more, especially with strategic planning.
  5. Establish stable level of funding ... Done with 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment to the charter.
  6. Reorient existing partnership with Alaska SeaLife Center ... Will occur after strategic planning.
  7. Hire a second position to compliment director's skill set and hire cutting edge media person ... Done.
  8. Leverage research funds through partnerships ... Working on it.
  9. Better communicate ongoing research across coastal parks ... Beginning to make better progress on this with Erin's hire, but need to include in outreach plans for OASLC.
  10. Investigate prospects for meaningful role in supporting face-to-face interp programs ... Management review liked what it saw at the ASLC and wanted to explore something similar at other parks. Can address this more in strategic plan.
1. FY15 Work Plan Discussion and Decisions
    - There is some concern that the OASLC is not as transparent as it could be for making SCA media interns available to all parks. The key is local supervision and housing.

-The Ranger-in-residence talks at the ASLC should continue, but need to make it a priority to reach out to other parks for topics (current topics include Black Oystercatcher Research and Marine Debris).

-The strategic planning effort needs to identify priorities for outreach efforts so that it is not so piecemeal, including partners and locations around the region. For example, what is the strategy in Homer?

-We need to develop some clear guidance on funding park positions. Positions need to have a broader focus and not park centric. Ideally network or more broadly regarding ocean issues. There should also be an agreement between the Board and the park.

-After discussing pros and cons, the OASLC will fund the interp position for LACL in Homer as a try out for six months in FY15. **Action Item:** Diane Chung will reach out to Margaret Goodro to ask for refined goals for this position.

-There is a need to develop overarching research strategies for parks.

-After adding ten resource briefs for SWAN at Diane's request, the FY15 work plan is approved.

## 2. Discuss Partner Participation in Strategic Planning, Confirm Logistics

-The April 21st and 22nd meeting will occur in Seward.

-External partners will be included by way of an additional survey.

**Action Items:** Benjamin will develop a partner survey, Tahzay will look for partner list from 2012 management review.

## 3. Discuss what level of funding/time commitments does BOD want to be included in on for decisions

-The credit card limit is the upper limit for decisions involving funding that Benjamin can make without Board input.

-Discrete limits on time commitments are a little harder to pin down, but should not interfere with approved work plan items.

-OASLC can help plan Beringia Days meeting for 2016 but not commit funding at this time.

## 4. Rebecca T's Replacement

-**Action Item:** Benjamin will draft a rotation schedule for all temporary Board members.

