

OASLC Technical Committee Agenda

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM May 15, 2015

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Members: *Rachel Mason (AKRO), Carissa Turner (KATM), Sharon Kim (KEFJ), Kristy Sholly (KEFJ), Linda Chisholm (KATM), Scott Gende (GLBA), Heather Coletti (SWAN), Chris Gabriel (GLBA), Benjamin Pister (OASLC), Peter Neitlich (WEAR)*

Scott Gende was contacted individually on May 18th.

Bud Rice was contacted individually on May 18th.

Mike Holt was contacted individually on May 28th.

Jim Pfeiffenberger and Erin Kunisch were absent. Jennifer Thelen was unavailable, her schedule conflicted with Benjamin's until after June 11th for an individual follow up.

Breaking News: Nancy Holman replacing Rebecca Talbott on Board, Heather replacing Michael on TC

1. Update on FY15 Work Plan progress to date and for the summer

-Please see FY15 OASLC Annual Work Plan Mid-Season Update & FY15 OASLC Budget for Sharing Mid-Season; *these were sent out ahead of the meeting*

-Accomplishments so far, what we said we would do but aren't, etc.

Benjamin gave a verbal update on the work plan and our progress to this point in the year. Most items have either been accomplished, are ongoing, or planned for a later date. A small number of items have changed or will not be accomplished. Details found in documents referenced above.

There is approximately \$5,000 currently unplanned in the OASLC budget, as of May 15. Peter N. suggested this money be used to help contract a helicopter for the marine debris project. Bud R. agreed during our 1-on-1. (Note: WASO money was later obtained for this helicopter work.)

Other Member Comments:

Chris G. asked whether the Ranger-in-Residence talks at the ASLC could present on the GLBA marine mammal acoustic project funded by the Coastal Marine Grants. They can beginning in summer 2016.

2. Strategic Plan Update

-See revised OASLC Five Year Strategic Plan Process Revised; *this was sent out ahead of the meeting*

-An update on the strategic planning process with new revised timeline was given.

-Benjamin noted that the Tech Committee had not had a chance as a group to meet and give input to the strategic plan. He asked whether he should schedule one.

-Sharon K. responded that from a park stand point there had been a lot of discussion and it was best to ask the regional folks. Scott G. mentioned separately 1-on-1 that parks had ample opportunity for input and did not feel the Tech Committee needed more. But acknowledged he doesn't represent any one park. Rachel M. added that as a regional office employee she had ample opportunity to participate, and Bud R. agreed with Rachel M. when discussing this 1-on-1.

3. Suggested Future Tech Committee Changes

-Benjamin summarized his ideas on drafting a charter for the Tech Committee, more clearly identifying roles and responsibilities, number of seats, etc. This would likely include a recommendation to reduce membership to 9 people (currently there are 12). Any changes would be presented to the Board first.

Rachel M. asked whether these 9 members would still include regional office employees. Benjamin suggested it could if parks wanted them to fill that role (e.g. because park staff is limited).

Additional Comments: Heather C. noted that the shared regional/I&M Science Communicator position will be filled by mid-June and that it will be critical for the OASLC to collaborate with that person. Benjamin noted and agreed.