

## OASLC Board of Directors Meeting

March 4, 2016 9:00-10:30 AM

**Participants:** Jan Caulfield (Strategic Plan discussion only), Margaret Goodro, Nancy Holman, Philip Hooge (Chair), Jeanette Koelsch, Rebecca Lasell, Benjamin Pister, Chris Sergeant

### **Minutes:**

1. OASLC Strategic Plan
  - a. Benjamin and Jan introduced the history of plan development and recent substantive changes.
  - b. The group clarified that the plan does not specifically state that OASLC must convene separate research and education funding calls, but that is allowed for if decided in the future.
  - c. **DECISION:** All voting Board members provided positive verbal approvals of the plan as presented. OASLC staff will move forward with gathering final digital approval after a final formatted version of the plan is available.
  
2. OASLC FY16 Project Funding Recommendations
  - a. The Board reviewed proposal rankings for six projects reviewed by a six-person interdisciplinary panel of Alaska Region NPS representatives.
  - b. Board members expressed concern for lack of Interpretation and Education proposals. The Board will be considering solutions for increasing I&E proposals in future calls, whether that is creating separate funding calls or providing very specific language in call describing why I&E projects are highly encouraged.
  - c. **DECISION:** All voting Board members provided positive verbal approvals of the funding recommendations as ranked by the review panel.
  - d. OASLC has \$7K remaining that can be dedicated to the funding call. Staff will inquire with successful proposers whether they can improve or expand outreach products using this additional funding.
  
3. Hiring new OASLC Science Communicator
  - a. Benjamin described justification for hiring new Science Communicator position as permanent, full-time.
  - b. The Board had no concerns with moving forward hiring a permanent position
  
4. Discus future OASLC funding calls
  - a. Philip will soon be sending out a survey to coastal parks and other coastal NPS staff in Alaska to determine the top cross-cutting issues that will be prioritized in future funding calls.

- b. **DECISION:** The Board discussed multi-year funding calls and was supportive of a two-year call for the next round
- c. After Benjamin and Chris create a draft Request for Proposals for FY17-FY18, interested Board members will convene to review and discuss ideas for promoting I&E proposals

5. Addressing emerging issues

- a. OASLC is sometimes able to fund urgent and emerging issues as funds are available, but there is currently no formal process in place for determining how this funding will be awarded.
- b. **DECISION:** Board agreed that a form using minimum criteria for urgent project funding should be consistently filled out by requesters. Potential questions include: Is this an urgent issue? Why? What OASLC cross-cutting themes are related to this project? Has the requester applied for other funding? Why was OASLC chosen for this request?
- c. Chris will work on creating this form for Board review and approval