

Minutes of September 29, 2014 FIO Advisory Council Meeting

Location: Mote Marine Lab Sarasota, Florida

Chair: Wade Jeffrey

Attending Council Members:

In person: Linea Boehme, Jackie Dixon, Courtney Hackney, Bill Hogarth, Gil McRae, George Maul, Mitch Roffer, Tim Short, Quinton White. Ralph Wilcox, Valerie (Jody) Haywood (Alt), Megan Davis (Alt), Karl Havens, Heather Judkins, Sandra Gilchrist, Ian MacDonald, Kumar Mahadevan (Alt), Darren Rumbold

By Phone/Web: Jennifer Cherrier, Richard Stevens, Peter Ortner, David Hastings, Valerie Paul

Absent FIO Council Members: Shirley Pomponi, Michael Crosby, Graham Worthy, Valerie Paul, Eric Milbrant, Michael Heithaus, Eric Eisenberg

Others Attending:

1. Welcome to FIO Meeting and Council Introductions by Chair Jeffrey & Host Institution Provost Wilcox & Kumar Mahadevan
2. Call to order: At 9:30am by Chair Wade Jeffrey.

Action Items: Chair Jeffrey asked for approval on the following items:

- i. Approval of June 23, 2014 minutes
- ii. Approval of minutes from February 10, 2014 meeting:

Motion by Courtney Hackney and motion to approve by Jackie Dixon. No further discussions, all ayes, Agenda and minutes were approved by council 6/23/14

3. FIO Update: FIO Director, William Hogarth:
 - i. General Update
 - ii. Personnel

Conversations for Director Position has begun between Provost Wilcox and Bill Hogarth. Motion made by Courtney Hackney and approved by Gil McRae to cancel the Associate Director which closed 9/12/14 to allow new director to make selection. Dr. Hogarth in consultation with the RESTORE Act Program Director will hold this position until there is more information where things are going. Currently Andy Shepard, Cam Ngo, and Bill Hogarth have been working on the administrative aspects for the Centers of Excellence and will continue until the

program is solid and will re-advertise the position to take over the duties of managing the program. Fiscal Assistant under review as Lieu Huynh, current Fiscal Specialist will go on maternity leave. FIO is still discussing the landside support. We welcome Al Savor to FIO as the Asst. Engineer on the Weatherbird II. He will start Oct. 2, 2014.

iii. Budget

FIO continues to operate in the black. But this is with the continuing support of the legislature, we still need more days to continue this trend. FIO is managing approximately ~\$3M in grants.

iv. FIO Vessels

Bellows will be visiting the shipyard often to ensure the hull is safe to continue operating. Weatherbird II got new engines early summer and was operating the month of August supporting the consortia.

v. Keys Marine Lab (KML)

Will launch a pilot winter course this December. USF on behalf of FIO agreed to assume the existing lease terms to operate KML independently from the State of Florida Department of Protection: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

vii. Subsidized Ship days

Received 19 proposals from 10 different institutions and awarded 62 subsidized ship days on the R/V Bellows. The FY14/15 LBR allowed FIO to provide a supplemental RFQ for subsidized days on the R/V Weatherbird II-FIO awarded 13 ship days to 3 different institutions.

viii. Legislative Update

FY15/16 FIO is seeking legislative support to replace the R/V Bellows.

4. RESTORE Act

i. Treasury Regulations/FIO Process

To ensure FIO members are eligible to submit proposals, FIO has had to put a "firewall" between the FIO and its members. This is to ensure that there is no Conflict of Interest, which is a great concern of the Treasury Department. FIO will be conducting informational sessions and will be asking for public input. We

will have additional information available on our website. Please check it for updates.

5. Summer Course Update (Courtney Hackney)
University of West Florida joined, making a 5 institution course. Course had a very enthused group of students but we still need to build on it. Courtney is in discussion with Bill to see if FIO can provide some funding assistance for the program. There are still some concerns that still needs to be addressed as the course grows. Sandra Gilchrist raised a concerned that the school calendar for New College does not sync with the other academic institutions. Courtney and the committee members are still talking through it.
6. Working Lunch:
 - i. Committee Appointments (W.Jeffrey)
Worked on setting terms for the current committees. Chairman Jeffrey would be contacting the ExCom to address the nominating committee.
7. New Membership
Clearwater Marine Aquarium made a presentation to the full council. Full Council approved unanimously to accept the Clearwater Marine Aquarium as an Associate Member to the council.
8. Larry Langebrake's presentation to the Council on "Collaborative Science, data and information: to share? Or not to share"
9. Richard Knudsen Presentation on "Florida's atlases to Coastal Habitats and Wildlife at Risk from Spilled Oil-A Paper History and Digital Future"
10. Barbara Kirkpatrick with GCOOS, did a brief introductory presentation of herself and what GCOOS is doing to the council.
11. New Business Chair Jeffrey made announcements for the following events for FIO:

FIO Strategic Plan 5 Year Update 2015-2020 is up for review. This would include the renewal process for FIO's AISO status. There will be a joint FIO/FOA reception after the meeting and Oct. 1, 2014, FIO will have its first Media/Open House in St. Petersburg.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00pm