

IRIS Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)
Wednesday, July 13, 2022 (4:30pm-6:00pm ET)
Summary

In Attendance:

IRIS Board Members: Rick Aster, Brandon Schmandt, Victor Tsai, Jeff Freymueller, Phil Wannamaker, Sarah Kruse, Sarah Kruse, Anne Tréhu

IRIS Staff Members: Bob Woodward, Kent Anderson, Gillian Sharer, John Taber, Chad Trabant, Molly Staats (Scribe)

Welcome and Review of Agenda and Minutes

The meeting commenced with a welcome to all attendees and a review of the meeting agenda. Tsai distributed the April minutes and the action items summary to the Board members on July 11, 2022 via email. Independent of small edits from Taber, there were no other changes to the remaining content.

Vote: Freymueller motioned to approve the minutes that include Taber's edits; Schmandt seconded. All in favor; None opposed. The April Board minutes are approved and submitted to the record.

Woodward reported that the agenda for this Board meeting has been revised to address the end of year supplement discussion. The Compensation Survey and Analysis has been completed. The discussion of that survey along with the Finance and Budget Report will be deferred until the next Board meeting.

Review of Action Items (Woodward briefed)

The action items are recorded as part of prior meeting minutes. A routine status update on action items was provided.

Action Item (staff): Create a community-focused timeline that can be placed on the Joining Forces Website.

End of Year Supplement (Woodward briefed)

Woodward reported that there may be end-of-year funds available as a supplement to SAGE-II. The proposal submission has a very quick turnaround. The proposal is due July 20th.

There was a lengthy discussion about possible investments. There is a strong interest in CSP. There are other areas that might need attention, e.g., updated GSN stations (vaults), recapitalization of the PASSCAL pool, additional DAS instruments, DAS data management, etc. Tsai noted that the Standing Committee (SC) recommendations for end-of-year spending should be reviewed.

The PASSCAL Standing Committee (PASC) recommended investments in: recapitalization of the broadband pool, continued growth of nodes, expanded MT capabilities, and recapitalization of the polar pool.

The Data Services Standing Committee (DSSC) recommended that the CCP Project be considered for supplemental funding. In 2023, CCP will scale up to full capability while also operating the legacy system in parallel.

The GSN Standing Committee (GSNSC) recommended a continued emphasis on upgrading sensors as many of them are 35+ years old. In addition, the spare equipment can be supplemented.

The EPO Standing Committee (EPOSC) plans to use unspent participant support to cover new costs for IGUANA Workshop, GeoPaths, and ROSES. They are also planning to use carryover funds to purchase an additional GPR unit.

Nominating Committee Update (Tsai briefed)

There are currently eight ballot slots on each side (IRIS/UNAVCO) with at least two people running for each position for a total sixteen board member seats for the ballot (eight seats to fill).

Membership Review (Woodward and Taber)

A few member institutions of EarthScope (11 of 173) may need their memberships suspended, either by their request or due to unresponsiveness. The Board's Membership Committee will need to discuss how best to proceed.

Summary of Compensation Analysis

This agenda item was deferred due to need to discuss end-of-year supplement.

Program Updates

EPO gave an update on the 6-week undergrad program at Fort Valley State University.

The GSN program notes that GEOSCOPE celebrated its 40th anniversary. IRIS (Woodward and Aster) provided a congratulatory note. Presentations are available on the workshop's website.

<https://geoscope40.sciencesconf.org>

PORTABLE/POLAR

- **PASSCAL**: Staff are working on broadband and node procurements as per spend plan. There are staffing issues at the PIC related to merger stress and retirements.
- **POLAR**: Big node, broadband, and active source season on Thwaites glacier this season. Shipping deadlines advanced one month has kept the polar team hopping. High node usage in Antarctica is impacting availability for non-polar users (due to long shipping times).
- **EAGER**: Drill not going down until later this season (for use in the 23-24 season), as there will be no logistics/helicopter to support summit drilling.

Budget and Finance Committee Updates

This agenda item was deferred due to need to discuss end-of-year supplement.

GAGE-SAGE Workshop Planning Committee

The committee is already planning the 2023 Workshop. The committee requests Board approval for nominations of IRIS community members to serve on the 2023 GAGE-SAGE Community Science Workshop Planning Committee. The workshop is slated to be held in late March/early April 2023.

Meeting adjourned 6:02PM EDT