

**IRIS Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 3, 2022 (virtual)**  
**4:30pm-6:00pm ET**  
**Summary**

**Participants:**

IRIS Board Members: Rick Aster (chair), Phil Wannamaker, Jackie Caplan-Auerbach, Jeff Freymueller, Lara Wagner, Victor Tsai, Brandon Schmandt, Anne Tréhu

IRIS Staff Members: Bob Woodward, Candy Shin, Bob Busby, Jerry Carter, Gillian Sharer, Kasey Aderhold

Additional Attendees: None

**Welcome and Review of the Agenda and Minutes**

The meeting commenced with a welcome and review of the minutes. There were minor revisions from Tsai and Taber.

**Vote:** Schmandt motioned to approve the minutes; Tréhu seconded; All in favor, none opposed. The July minutes were approved and submitted to the record.

**Review of Action Items (Woodward briefs)**

Woodward reviewed all recent action items.

**Updates from Nominating Committee (Tsai briefs)**

Tsai confirmed that the Nominating Committee has completed their work. They successfully identified (16) candidates to run for (8) seats including the Chair and Chair-Elect. There is an even representation between IRIS and UNAVCO. Aster and Woodward expressed appreciation from the Board to Tsai and the rest of the Nominating Committee for a job well done.

**End-of-Year Supplement Recap (Woodward briefs)**

Woodward noted the recent email to the Board members detailing how the supplement request was budgeted. The allocations were summarized (a detailed recap is provided in the meeting slides).

**Guidance to IRIS Standing Committees (Woodward briefs)**

The final face-to-face standing committee meetings will happen this fall. Some meetings have already been scheduled. Woodward emphasized the need for the standing committees to convey updates on end-of-year funding plans/priorities as well strategic plans.

**Budget and Finance Report (Shin briefs)**

The complete B&F Report was provided to the Board in the slide deck. The FY22 annual single audit started in July by Calibre. The NSF OIG audit is still open, with Cotton & Co. auditors completing their reviews and recommendations to NSF, but not currently requiring the efforts of IRIS' employees. The FY23 EarthScope indirect rate proposal is being prepared for submission to NSF. A new EarthScope indirect rate(s) (blending rates of IRIS and UNAVCO) will start in January 2023, and run through June 30, 2023. A new EarthScope FY24 rate will then be proposed (beginning July 1, 2023 and running through June 30, 2024).

**Merger Updates (Woodward briefs)**

A proposed model for EarthScope to govern GSN through a dedicated advisory group that will fall under the purview of the EarthScope Network Instrumentation Support Committee (NISC) has been sent to the USGS.

The merger timeline and Board actions were reviewed. The institutional membership review is ongoing, with issues at 11 out of 177 member institutions. Some of these eleven member institutions have been unresponsive, while others have requested that we pause their membership.

**Meeting adjourned**