

IRIS Board of Directors Meeting (virtual)
Wednesday, September 7, 2022 (4:30pm-6:00pm ET)
Summary

In Attendance

IRIS Board Members: Rick Aster (Chair), Jackie Caplan-Auerbach, Brandon Schmandt, Victor Tsai, Jeff Freymueller, Sarah Kruse

IRIS Staff Members: Bob Woodward, Michael Hubenthal, Candy Shin, Kent Anderson, Justin Sweet (Scribe), Jerry Carter, Gillian Sharer, John Taber

Remembering Phil Wannamaker

Aster and Woodward made remarks honoring Phil Wannamaker. The link to the memorial page has been distributed.

Welcome and Review of the Agenda and Minutes

The minutes and action items from the August 3, 2022 meeting were reviewed.

Vote: Caplan-Auerbach moves to approve minutes. Schmandt seconds. The August 3, 2022 minutes were unanimously approved and submitted to the record.

General Update

An update on the status of the EarthScope Board election was provided.

Fall Governance Meetings Summary and Update; AGU plans

It was determined that the next monthly Board meeting, scheduled for October 5th, will be skipped due to the Tri-Board face-to-face meeting in Colorado scheduled for later that same week. The next face-to-face Board meeting will take place on November 2nd-3rd. This meeting will be the final IRIS Board meeting. The Standing Committee Chairs, Program Managers and NSF are expected to be in attendance.

Guidance to Standing Committees for Fall Meetings

The Standing Committees were asked to deliberate on (6) topics and prepare slide presentations summarizing these discussions. CoCom will take the lead on reviewing and harmonizing submitted presentations. The Standing Committees will present at the November 2nd Board Meeting.

Program Updates

The MT short course is scheduled for Oct 17th-21st at PASSCAL/NMT. It was noted that there has been interest in the course both from faculty members and graduate students.

SZ4D

The SZ4D Catalyst award and its purpose were discussed. The SZ4D Community Meeting/Workshop is scheduled for November 14-16, 2022 in Houston, Texas. Additional discussion was centered around the nature and timing of proposals, PI structures, EarthScope involvement, etc.

Action Item: Assemble a delegation from IRIS/UNAVCO and the new EarthScope Board to approach SZ4D ExCom before the Tri-Board meeting to obtain more information about potential proposals and proposal structures.

Closing of the John Lahr Fund

This fund was set up by the family of John Lahr, a former EPO consultant and colleague, to fund educational activities. EPO used the remaining funds to purchase educational seismometers and it is recommended that the fund now be closed. There were no objections to this plan of action.

Simpson Fund for Innovation Update

Taber reported that there were (4) Simpson Fund proposals and we wanted to fund each of them, which was accomplished through use of the Lahr Fund in conjunction with the Simpson Fund. Hubenthal reported that early SSBW feedback on the geodesy module has been very positive. The financial status of the Simpson Fund as of 6/30/22: most of the remaining balance has been planned for virtual internships in 2023.

Budget and Finance Updates

FY23 EarthScope indirect rate proposal has been submitted to NSF. The overall indirect rate for SAGE is expected to decrease with the merger.

Merger Updates

The indirect rate proposal for EarthScope has been submitted. This rate proposal spans July 1, 2022 through to June 30, 2023 (EarthScope only exists during the latter six months of this period).

Items on the merger timeline that are pending include the orientation/introduction for the new EarthScope Board and the 2022 Membership Meeting at AGU. There are no decisions to report on the NMT/UCSD transition plans at this time.

Aster mentioned that the recent All-Hands Meeting with IRIS/UNAVCO/PASSCAL staff went well. Woodward agreed and suggested that we keep repeating information to staff who appreciate hearing this information directly.

Meeting adjourned