

**IRIS Board of Directors Meeting
June 2, 2021 (virtual)
Meeting Summary**

June 2, 2021 (3:00-4:30 PM ET)

In Attendance

IRIS Board Members: Richard Aster (chair), Lara Wagner, Charles Ammon, Victor Tsai, Sarah Kruse, Brandon Schmandt, Phil Wannamaker, Susan Schwartz

IRIS Staff Members: Bob Woodward, Jerry Carter, Andy Frassetto, Candy Shin, John Taber, Kasey Aderhold (scribe)

Additional Attendees: None

Welcome (Aster and Woodward)

- Change in SAGE award from NSF
- New IRIS BoD monthly meeting format

NSF Developments/Proposal and Merger Planning (Aster and Woodward)

- NGF (Follow-on to GAGE/SAGE) solicitation will be delayed 2 years, FY24 & FY25 funding extensions for IRIS and UNAVCO
- Dear Colleague Letter is in review and will be released, message to IRIS and UNAVCO communities will follow shortly after
- NSF would like more time to consider recent portfolio review, particularly to consider:
 - Expand existing components of facilities
 - Innovate those facilities
 - Address the use of these facilities and support/sustainability through agency partnerships - part of NSF wide action
- Steering Committee
 - Merger and proposal can be separate, recommend the merger proceed as planned or faster so EarthScope Inc. is fully operational prior to 2023
 - Next steps: pause proposal planning/contracts, proceed with ESCO branding contract (establish identity), continue merger planning process
- Discussion
 - The impact of the new NSF timeline on the IRIS-UNAVCO merger plans was discussed, including gathering La Piana's perspective, impacts on facility, impacts on staff, efforts to build community, IRIS-UNAVCO cross-over Board membership, and more.

Proposal Updates - GLISN

- Re-submitted today, thank you to those who provided input and guidance
- Includes IRIS operational costs, maintenance, and station upgrades for 5 years
- Established scientific importance of GLISN, e.g., Google Scholar page (<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=VIIDMZAAAAAJ>)

Proposal Updates - RuFZO

- No news yet on status of pre-proposal, but expecting word soon
- Aderhold provided updates on RuFZO.
- General concept of BB and Node deployments along Southern California fault segments

- Scope is well-suited for MSRI-2 solicitation and is able to leverage community feedback and organization's experience (IRIS, UNAVCO, SCEC)

City/Venue Selection for 2022 SAGE/GAGE Workshop

- IRIS will lead 2022 workshop, expecting in-person/hybrid meeting
- Site selection produced two locations: Pittsburgh and Minneapolis
- Slight IRIS BoD preference for Minneapolis due to airport location, but recommendation from IRIS JEDI committee to select Pittsburgh
- Decision will need to be approved by NSF, provide the recommendation as part of the IRIS anti-Racism action plan
- **The Board voted unanimously to recommend Pittsburgh as the 2022 SAGE/GAGE. (Kruse moved, Wagner seconded)**

Renewed conversation about RuFZO follow-up dialog

- Discussion of community engagement and improving workshop process to engage the community more broadly and ensure all voices are heard.

Final Comments

- Announcement from Jerry Carter - Frank Press Service Award to Tim Ahern
- Portfolio Review - Will re-send the link and encourage IRIS BoD to review
- Next meeting Wednesday July 7th at 3-4:30pm ET