

Meeting Notes
NANOOS Education and Outreach Committee

DATE: January 4, 2011

TIME: 2 pm

Conference call-in info.

1-800-379-6841

Participant Passcode: 526091

Committee members: Coral Gerkhe (COSEE PP), Sarah Mikulak (APL-UW), Dan Hannafious (HCSEG), Amy Sprenger (APL-UW), Raechel Waters (WA SG), Fritz Stahr (OIP), Jan Newton (APL-UW), Jacqueline Laverdure (OCNMS), Vanessa Green (CMOP)

Not able to attend: Pat Corcoran (OR SG), Craig Risien (COAS-OSU), Tom Gaskill (South Slough NERR), Nancee Hunter (OR SG), Mike Kosro (COAS-OSU), Cathy Angell (Padilla Bay NERR), Karen Wegner (CMOP)

1. General Update – All

Vanessa- CMOP just submitted their final appeal to NSF, they will find out in early February. Will keep us posted. Jan- good luck to CMOP, she added signature to the appeal.

Jan- general NANOOS update: could be several months before we hear about funding since NOAA is still unsure of their budget due to Congress procedures.

2. Calendar Updates – All

Amy and Sarah – participating in SMILE high school teacher workshop at the end of January.

Raechel/Fritz – Feb 3: WSG/COSEE sponsored outreach event at the Seattle Aquarium “Connecting Scientists, Educators and Citizens to Address Environmental Challenges”. Lisa Graumlich - Dean to the UW College of the Environment is doing a keynote speech. Amy is attending, will be representing NANOOS and OIP. Aquarium event focus is on targeting research scientists in WA providing opportunity for them to connect to Puget Sound area organizations in hope supporting of outreach collaborations. WSG’s RFP release coincides with the event. Event is very locally focused.

Feb 4th 200 Seattle high school students who have been studying Puget Sound presenting their action projects. Curriculum is called My Place in Puget Sound. Noon at Mary Gates on UW campus.

Jan- usually have a tri-committee meeting in April, Governing Council meeting in May, and PI meeting in June. Will stay with this schedule this year, but send comments and ideas to Jan (newton@apl.washington.edu), will probably be in Portland area since centrally located.

3. Project list Update – Amy and Sarah

No big updates. Send comments or questions about the list to Amy or Sarah.

4. Theme page progress – Amy and Sarah

Sarah and Amy are acting more quickly in getting theme pages up since the web metrics that Sarah put together showed the ocean acidification theme page is very valuable, especially since it is linked to from other websites.

The theme pages that we are building content for is outlined in attached document from Amy.

Committee can contribute by helping Amy and Sarah determine what information we want to make available on our website.

Dan- unsure of hierarchy within two page document.

Amy- Five main priorities are umbrellas for other special topics. A visitor will be able to get to the topics through multiple ways.

Fritz- big supporter of multiple ways to access the same content.

Jan- need to clean up organization of document a bit more.

Jan- if anyone has thoughts for Amy or Sarah, please contact them. E.g. on climate page, should also include header: How does the ocean affect climate?

Dan- Fisheries/Biodiversity: what does biodiversity mean?

Jan- At GC meeting, one of the focus areas used to be Regional Fisheries, John from POST asked why we limit just to Fisheries and not include phytoplankton and other organisms that we don't fish.

Amy- let us know if you are willing to help us with topics.

Jan- put them online quickly and solicit help once they are up. Get the 50% version up instead of the 85% version.

Sarah- please send pictures to us for the theme pages.

5. Next Steps and Action Items (Recap) – Nancee

Items for committee members to contact Amy or Sarah about:

- Send comments to Jan (newton@apl.washington.edu) about tri-com, GC, and/or PI meetings
- What information do we want to make available on our website?
- Any thoughts on the current theme page outlines (attached document)
- If you are willing to help us with one of the pages/topics
- Send relevant pictures and photo credit info for the theme pages

Item for Amy and Sarah:

- Will contact the committee when the pages are up

6. Set Meeting Schedule and Next Date(s) – All

Next meeting: Feb 1, 2011 2pm