

Exec Committee Conf Call
May 14, 2007 9:30AM

Those Present: David Mountain, Bob Branton, Philip Bogden, Tom Shyka, Tom Gale,
Evan Richert; Dan Sampson; Linda Mercer, Sylvia Most

Actions:

- Send project updates to Sylvia by end of week.
- David/Sylvia to put together a one-pager for Thursday's telecom
- Sylvia to put together partnership update for June
- Need to develop plan for nominating new officers
- Next executive committee conference call meeting – TBD based on committee/project updates

Agenda:

1. Update on NERACOOS & GoMOOS actions related to the RA formation.
2. Update on committee activities
Bob, Evan, (Deb is unavailable this week)
3. Update on demonstration projects
Tom S.
4. Any issues or problems we need to address

Meeting notes:

1. Brief discussion on need to nominate new officers.
2. Letter of intent submitted to NOAA on behalf of GoMODP was not invited back for proposal, but components of the workplan are included in SURA proposal – so some funds could become available. There are several other proposals in the works that may have funding sources for data integration projects.
3. NERACOOS discussion
 - a. Regional Association needs to be formally organized by December 2007.
 - b. At the meeting 3 weeks ago, the GoMOOS board met to discuss their role. They endorsed a plan in which GoMOOS would hand off its observing assets to UMaine and offer the RA its corp foundation/staff to perform core RA functions.
 - c. WHOI indicated a desire to have these services assigned through a competitive process.
 - d. How does GoMODP want to relate to the RA – this question still remains.
 - e. Partnership needs to find a home – it doesn't have its own money, so in the long term it needs to be associated with a structured, funded organization.
 - i. ODP should consider becoming an entity with representation on GoMOOS governing board
 - ii. It could become a formal standing committee or body of GoMOOS?

- iii. Need to ensure that the model that we have developed for the ODP is maintained – this governance model is being reproduced in other regions.
 - iv. Still need to come up with a pro/con model for use at the conf call on Thurs.
- 4. Notes on demonstration projects/pending activities will be supplied to Sylvia by the end of this week. This will be used for a GoMODP newsletter in June. Tom committed to putting together an abstract for the Ocean BioInformatics Conference.
- 5. Request for exec committee to go to BIO – October 2-4, 2007 – for BioInformatics conference. Bob requested that the exec committee consider holding a meeting there – if two or three of the principals were there, the rest could phone in.
- 6. Remainder of Agenda not accomplished this meeting.