

Welcome to the Sea Grant Town Hall

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May 20, 2015

3:00-4:30 pm EDT

We will begin shortly.

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Thank you.

Agenda

- Kola's Priorities as Acting Director
- Requests for Network Input
- Quarterly Updates Overview
- How we use PIER information
- National Sea Grant Office realignment & staffing
- PIE updates
 - Annual Reports, PRP, Strategic Plans
- Budgets, current national competitions, FY 16-17 NSI, and omnibus submission
- Reauthorization status
- Recent Hill visits
- Sea Grant 50th Anniversary planning
- Questions from the Network

Kola's Priorities as Acting Director

- Continual communication with Network
- Filling the office vacancies
- Seeking input from many
- Timely decision making
- Empowering staff to take action, including Acting Deputy Director(s) to manage the office
- Partnership building
- Networking with NOAA
- Educating the Beltway about Sea Grant

Requests for Network Input

- Conversation with each Director and Advisory Board member to elicit individual thoughts on the State of Sea Grant and where we should go from here – June/July timeframe
- Aquaculture Visioning (SGA lead) – to inform FY2016-2017 National Aquaculture Activities
- Request review of Sea Grant liaison positions and where Sea Grant should go in the future (NSGAB lead) – to inform FY2018 activities

Quarterly Updates Overview

- Quarterly updates from the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO)
 - To ensure the Sea Grant network is kept abreast of current issues for the National Sea Grant College Program (NSGCP), NSGO, OAR and NOAA
 - To give the Sea Grant network the opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback on topics important to the NSGCP
 - Following each Town Hall, the PowerPoint will be posted to the website for future reference.

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Thank you!

How we use PIER information

- Project and impact/accomplishment searches by and for partners
- Impacts/accomplishments
 - Hill visits, taskers (quick turn around responses), web stories, one-pagers
 - Highlighting Sea Grant activities to NOAA and DOC leadership
- Measures and metrics
 - One-pager highlighted by OAR and NOAA leadership
 - Used in most meetings (Hill visits, presentations, etc.)
- Grants Performance Progress, Site Visit, and Performance Review Panel reports

National Sea Grant Office

Recent and Upcoming changes in the NSGO

(<http://seagrant.noaa.gov/WhoWeAre/Leadership/NationalSeaGrantOffice.aspx>)

- December/January 2015:
 - Gene Kim, PhD – now at USDA as the National Program Leader for Aquaculture
 - Elizabeth Bevan – Sea Grant Knauss Fellow – now back at the University of Alabama at Birmingham to pursue her PhD
 - Tammy Newcomer-Johnson, PhD – Sea Grant Knauss Fellow – now with EPA
- February 2015:
 - + Julia Galkiewicz, PhD, Fellowship Manager (C)
 - + Helen Cheng, SG Knauss Fellow, Coastal Communities Specialist
 - + Sarah Bowman, SG Knauss Fellow, Natural Resource Specialist
- March 2015:
 - Kathryn MacDonald Baltes (c) – Communication Specialist at MIT SG
 - Leon Cammen, PhD - Director (retired)

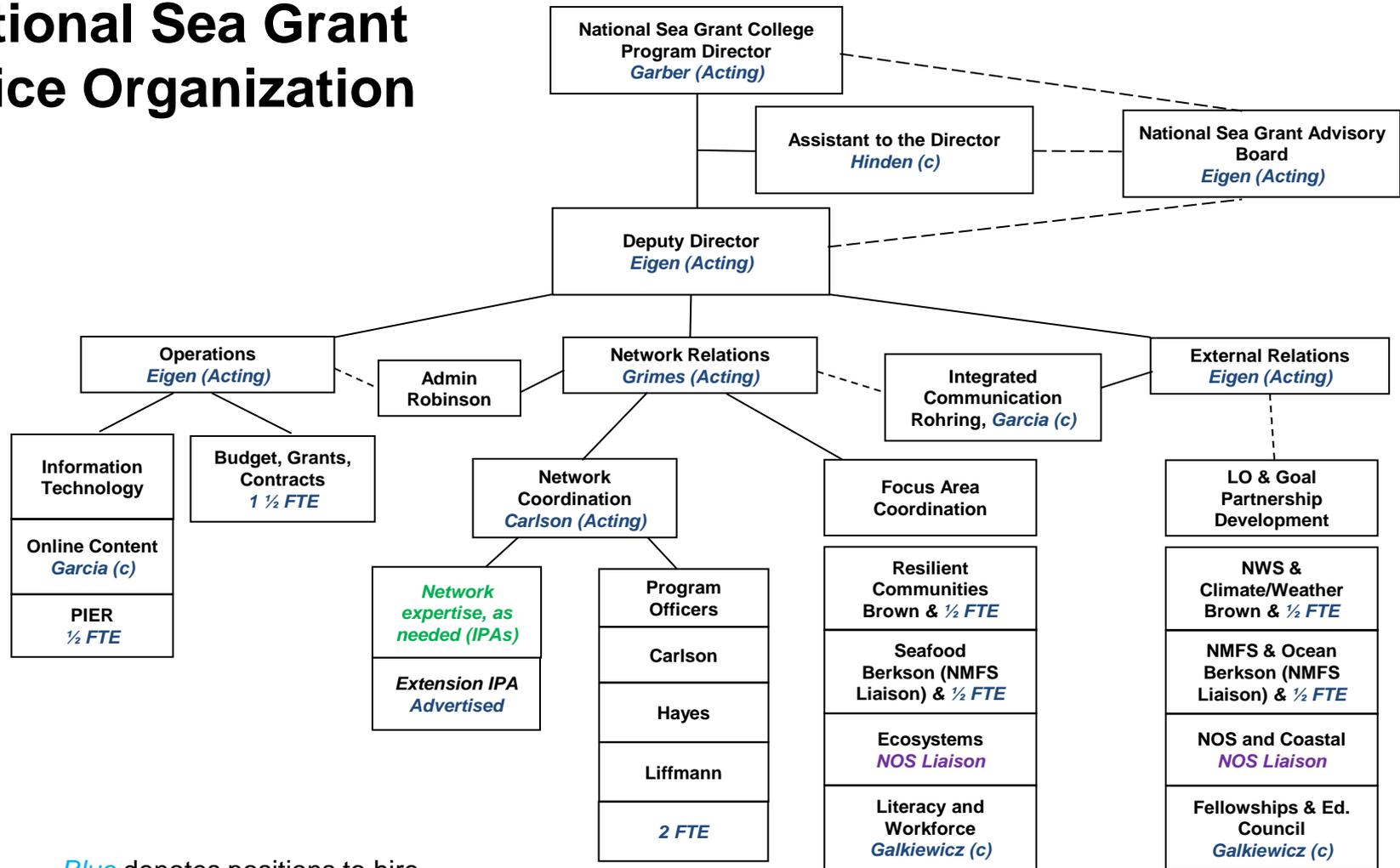
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- April 2015:
 - Nikola Garber, PhD, Acting Director
 - Jon Eigen, Acting Deputy Director
 - + Jim Berkson, PhD, NMFS Liaison to Sea Grant
 - + Robin Garcia, Communication specialist (C)
- May 2015:
 - Genevieve Fisher, PhD, NOAA Leadership Competencies Development Program (LCDP) detail including recruiting Sea Grant hires, returns to National Weather Service
 - + Sami Grimes returned from her first LCDP detail
 - + Sarah Nadalin, volunteering this summer to work on a variety of education projects for Sea Grant Education Network and the NOAA Ed Council.
- June 2015:
 - Sami Grimes, Acting Deputy Director
 - Devin Brakob, LCDP detail managing the NMFS-SG Fellowship and Aquaculture grant competition, returns to NOAA Office of Marine and Aviation Operations

National Sea Grant Office Organization



Blue denotes positions to hire

Purple denotes possible position

Green denotes positions possible with legislation (need to develop a 5 year plan for IPAs)

(c) denotes contractor

As of 5/20/2015

National Sea Grant Office

- Recruitments:
 - IPA Extension Program Leader – open till June 16 (or until filled)
 - 4 recruitments for multiple hires (open to all U.S. citizens), including activities currently completed by contract:
 - Communication Specialist
 - Fellowship Manager and Education Coordinator
 - Budget Assistant and PIER Manager
 - Grant Competitions Manager
 - Assistant to the Director
 - 2 Program Officers
 - Seafood and NMFS/Ocean Assistant with an aquaculture background
 - Resilience and NWS/Climate/Weather Assistant
 - Possible specialized IPAs

PIE Updates

- Annual Reports
 - Guidance at:
<http://seagrant.noaa.gov/NetworkResources/EvaluationandReporting.aspx>
 - Deadline: June 10, 2015 11:59 pm, EDT
 - PIER will lock at midnight EDT

PIE Updates

- Performance Review Panel (October 2015)
 - [Guidance](#) released 5/19/15
 - Will focus on 2010-2013 Strategic Plan performance
 - 2010-2014 Annual Reports associated with 2010-2013 strategic plan
 - The PIER-generated focus area reports will be reformatted to be shorter and better organized.
 - Up to 80 Impacts/Accomplishments may be selected in PIER by July 17, 2015.
 - Other program-generated materials due August 14, 2015
 - A single-page program introduction
 - Program summary reports - up to 20 pages split among the focus areas
 - New rating system
 - 1 (highest performance) to 5 (unsuccessful)

PIE Updates

- Strategic Planning (2018-2021) – draft timeline*
 - October 2015 – Network Plan Steering Committee appointed
 - Reps from: SGA, NSGAB, NSGO, NAC, NOAA
 - March 2016 – Individual programs submit draft focus areas
 - May 2016 – Draft Network plan released for comment
 - July 2016 – Network plan released (except PM targets)
 - October 2016 – Individual programs submit final plans
 - December 2016 – All strategic plans final

*Send timeline comments to Chris.Hayes@noaa.gov

Sea Grant Budget

| | FY15 Appropriation | FY16 Request | FY16 draft House Committee report |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Base | \$62.8M | \$61.5M | \$62.8M |
| Aquaculture | \$4.5M | \$7.0M | \$2.0M |
| STEM Education | [included in base] | [eliminated from Base] | [included in base] |
| Total | \$67.3M | \$68.5M | \$64.8M |

Historical Budgets

FY 2012 – \$62.2M

FY 2013 – \$57.3M (after sequester)

FY 2014 – \$67.3M

Current National Competitions

- Open (Up to \$200K available for each):
 - SG-NMFS Exchange Program Support (Closes May 27, 2015)
 - Conferences and Workshop Support (Closes June 15, 2015)
- Closed: Decisions in Process
 - FY16 Sea Grant Knauss Finalists
 - FY15 NMFS-SG Fellowships
 - FY15 Aquaculture Extension Technology Transfer
 - FY15 International Great Lakes Water Level Datum (Special Projects)

Other Current Competitions

- [USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture \(NIFA\)](#) - (\$1.35 M)
 - Applied research projects focusing on aquaculture. Closes **June 3, 2015**.
- Resilience Grants:
 - NOAA Fisheries Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grants (\$4 M)
 - <http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/coastalresiliency.html>
 - Each proposal may request between \$200K - \$2M, proposals due **July 2, 2015**.
 - NOAA Ocean Service Regional Coastal Resilience Grant Program (\$5 M)
 - <http://www.coast.noaa.gov/resilience-grant/>
 - Each proposal may request between \$500K - \$1M, proposals due **July 24, 2015**.
 - An informational webinar for applicants interested in either funding opportunity will be held on June 2 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., Eastern. The meeting will be recorded and posted afterward. Check websites above for registration information (available soon).

FY 16-17 National Strategic Investments

- Community Climate Adaptation Initiative (CCAI)
 - \$30K already included in omnibus
- Aquaculture: Topics and details TBD
- Resilience
 - Provide state programs with funds to build their capacity to help communities enhance their resilience
 - State programs that fund at least one research project related to coastal community resilience will be eligible to apply for an equal portion of the available funds
 - Total amount: TBD
- Other NSIs: TBD based on appropriations

FY16-17 Omnibus Submission

- Guidance coming July 2015 to include:
 - Funding memo – highlighting your Program's FY16-17 increase in merit/base in relation (same amount as FY14-15 merit/base increase)
 - How to fulfill Special Award Conditions (SACs) on FY14-17 omnibus awards
 - How to submit proposal for FY16-17 increases in merit/base
 - How to submit proposal for FY16-17 Resilience National Strategic Investment possible funding

Reauthorization Status

- National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2015: [S. 764](#) was introduced on March 17th by Sen. Wicker (R-MS) with three co-sponsors and passed by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on March 25th as [amended](#) by Senator Schatz (D-HI).
- The National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2015 (H.R. 1900) was introduced in the House on April 21st by Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI-14).

NSGO Hill Visits in April/May 2015

- OAR Day on the Hill Visits
 - Brian Babin, R-TX-36 (Rachel Tristan – staff)
 - Madeleine Bordallo, D-Guam (and Matthew Herrmann – staff)
 - Bradley Byrne, R-AL-1 (Lora Hobbs – staff)
 - Katherine Clark, D-MA-5 (John Moreschi – staff)
 - Garrett Graves, R-LA-6
 - Brenda Lawrence, D-MI-14 (Varun Krovi – staff)
 - Tom MacArthur, R-NJ-3 (Justin Durbin – staff)
 - Mark Takai, D-HI (Seanna Pieper Jordan – staff)
 - Rob Wittman, R-VA-1 (Julia Angelotti- staff)
- Reauthorization Visits
 - House Committee on Science, Space and Technology (Majority and Minority)
 - House Committee on Science, Space and Technology (Minority)
 - House Committee on Natural Resources (Minority)

50th Anniversary

- Committee

- Penny Dalton – WASG
- Julia Galkiewicz -NSGO
- Robin Garcia – NSGO
- Cindy Knapman - HISG
- Sharon Moen - MNSG
- Mike Orbach - NSGAB
- Elizabeth Rohring - NSGO
- Rollie Schmitten - NSGAB
- Melissa Schneider – MASG
- LaDon Swann - MASG

- Dates

- March 2016-March 2017
- Impacts & POCs still needed from many
- Communication subcommittee forming
- Looking for ideas for events, activities (and funding)
- Contact Elizabeth or LaDon if you have ideas or questions

Questions

- If you have a question, please type it into the question pane on the GoToMeeting panel.
- We will ask your question in the order it was received and then unmute you for follow-up or clarification.
- If we run out of time, we will answer all questions and post a Q&A on our website.



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