

**Meeting Summary for the Meeting of the  
Gulf of Maine Association**

Thursday, June 7, 2012

7:35 – 8:25 AM ADT

Board Members in Attendance: Bruce Carlisle, Steve Couture (proxy from Thomas Burack), W. Donald Hudson, Perry Haines (proxy from Bruce Fitch) Justin Huston (proxy from Sterling Belliveau) J. Ruairidh Morrison, Jackie Olsen, Lee Sochasky, Theresa Torrent-Ellis (proxy from Kathleen Leyden)

Board Member not in Attendance: Priscilla Brooks

Official Observer not in Attendance: Jennifer Anderson

Contract Support: Cynthia Krum

Others Participating: John Annala, Robert Capozzi, Mel Cote, Tim Hall, Colette Lemieux, Kathryn Parlee, Rene Pelletier, Prassede Vella

1. Welcome Don Hudson, President

Don welcomed the new Gulf of Maine Association Board of Directors and explained the background of the transition to the new board. He also expressed his thanks to the planning and nominating committees and his enthusiasm that combined CA/US membership on the Gulf of Maine Association is finally a reality.

2. Review of May 24, 2012 Meeting Summary – Don Hudson

No Discussion.

Acceptance of the minutes was:

Moved – Bruce Carlisle

Seconded – Ru Morrison

Approved – Unanimously approved

Final Outcome: Acceptance of minutes

3. Election of Officers

Don pointed out that the nominating committee had prepared the recommended slate of officers provided in the meeting attachment.

Election of the officers was:

Moved – Bruce Carlisle

Seconded – Justin Huston

Approved – Unanimously approved

Final Outcome: Following Officers were elected

Don Hudson as Chair

Jackie Olsen as Vice Chair

Lee Sochasky as Secretary

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June 7, 2012. Meeting summary submitted by Cynthia Krum.

Priscilla Brooks as Treasurer

#### 4. FY 2012 Expense Report (“Final 2012 Budget Summary vs. Actual”)

Cindy briefly reviewed the Final 2012 Budget Summary vs. Actual document with the board. She let them know that this was for informational purposes only. There were no questions

Final Outcome: For informational purposes only

#### 5. FY13 Provisional Budget Presentation

Cindy reviewed the budget information outlined below.

- Total amount of budget is \$1,706,475
- Fiscal Agent portion of budget totals \$921,924
- GOMC portion of budget totals \$784,551. Cindy explained the following:
  - The funds included in the budget that are “expected” are NMFS IV, Year 3 - \$48,000; EC FY 13 - \$50,000. There are additional expected funds from USGS of \$85,000 that were not known when budget was prepared.
  - Explained Membership Dues line – all jurisdictions are paying although not all in full.
  - Pointed out two largest grants – NOAA Climate Program Office, NOAA NMFS Restoration Partnership.
  - The budget has a \$998 surplus. This along with the \$131,107 reserve account estimate for FY 13 shows a strong financial position for the Council.
  - Detail regarding contractor fees and deliverables can be found in the Scope of Work document.
  - Will review additional needs for Action Plan funding during the Council meeting.

Cindy was asked when the Board would receive a final budget. She said that is typically completed for the December meeting. She explained that the prior board had requested that the June budget be called “provisional” and the one presented in December be called “final”. This was discussed and it was decided from this point forward that the June presentation would be called the “Operating Budget” and the December presentation named the “Revised Budget.” It was requested that an update be sent on the “expected” funds if/when they become confirmed.

Approval of the FY 13 budget was:

Moved – Lee Sochasky

Seconded – Steve Couture

Approved – Unanimously approved

Final Outcome: Adopted budget as “Operating Budget” subject to later revision.

#### 6. Determine Management and Finance Committee Representation

It was recommended that there be one Canadian and one US representative to the Management and Finance Committee from the Gulf of Maine Association. It was suggested by Jackie Olsen that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans would take over for Environment Canada as the current federal Canadian representative to the Management and Finance committee. This would free up Jackie Olsen to become one of the Gulf of Maine Association representatives to the Management and Finance Committee. Don Hudson volunteered to be the representative from the US.

Final Outcome: Don Hudson and Jackie Olsen were selected as the two Gulf of Maine Association representatives for monthly Management and Finance calls.

7. Other Business including signing of Conflict of Interest Policies by Board of Director members

- It was pointed out that the CA Association would be maintained and would do a financial report at Dec. 2012 GOMA meeting.
- Don mentioned that the nominating committee had decided to start the new board at 10 members and that there were more Councilors willing to serve than could be accommodated. He mentioned that the board may expand at a later date. He thanked people for their enthusiasm. Don talked about the two years that went into setting up the board and the hopes that it would enhance communication between the two countries. Bruce thanked Don for all the work he had done and Don extended the thanks to the Canadian and US Association members who worked on this board set up including Jackie Olsen, Lee Sochasky, Ru Morrison and others. He also dedicated the new board to Ted Diers who had the initial idea.
- It was decided that the executive committee would meet at the end of the summer for an update on the revised budget.
- Board members signed Conflict of Interest Policies and returned to Cindy.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 AM ADT