



North Pacific Research Board
Meeting Summary
Spring Science Panel
April 2-3, 2020

The Science Panel held a virtual meeting April 2-3, 2020. The meeting was attended by panel members: Milo Adkison, Courtney Carothers, Doug DeMaster, Colleen Duncan, Melissa Haltuch, Brad Harris (Vice Chair), David Hill, Liza Mack, Phil Mundy, Josep Planas, Matt Reimer, Chris Siddon (Chair), Suresh Sethi, Leandra de Sousa, Suzann Speckman, Diana Stram, Bill Sydeman, Tom Thornton and Tom Weingartner. David Hill was absent on the first day. Attending staff: Matt Baker, Danielle Dickson, Jo-Ann Mellish, Lynn Palensky (Executive Director), Brendan Smith and Kayla Wagenfehr.

1. Call to Order/Approve Agenda

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 travel restrictions and health concerns, the meeting was held virtually over Zoom. This was the first meeting for new NPRB Executive Director, Lynn Palensky, and five new Science Panel members: Doug DeMaster, Liza Mack, Suresh Sethi, Bill Sydeman and Tom Thornton. Each Panel and Staff member provided a brief introduction highlighting their areas of expertise.

In order to accommodate the more challenging video format, the original agenda was abbreviated to include only those items that required immediate action, including: Call to Order, GSRA, Core Program, Outreach Program, Nominations and Other Matters. Within these items, attention was focused on decision making needs. Program updates and updates and discussion on partnerships, strategic planning, governance and budget issues were deferred until the fall 2020 meeting. All materials related to these areas were retained online as active links within the agenda for review by panel members. Previously scheduled working periods were deferred, and all panel members were asked to complete tasks and coordinate on reviews prior to the initiation of the meeting. The meeting was scheduled to take place in two blocks, from 9am-11am on Thursday and Friday, April 2-3, 2020.

MOTION: Approve spring 2020 meeting agenda.

Action: Motion passed with no objections.

MOTION: Approve fall 2019 meeting summary.

Action: Motion passed with no objections.

The Chair noted that a vote would be required for a new Chair and Vice Chair. Panelists were asked to nominate or self-nominate over email for a vote on Friday morning. The motions are covered under item 12. Nominations.

2. Budget Overview (postponed until fall 2020)

3. Graduate Student Research Awards (GSRA)

There were seventeen applications reviewed by panelists prior to the meeting, with eleven tentatively recommended for funding. After further discussion, there were nine finalists recommended for funding, with those ranking higher noted with an asterisk:

Masters: 1907*, 1908, 1909*, 1921*

Doctoral: 1906*, 1911*, 1912*, 1913*, 1916



The Graduate Student Working Group completed their report with recommendations to the Board. The report is available through the memo documents and discussion was deferred to the fall 2020 meeting.

4. Core Program

In the interests of time, all panelists were requested to confer prior to the meeting as needed, with draft summaries provided in the review portal for the seventeen proposals under consideration. The six proposals ranked as a Tier 1 were discussed at the full panel level. Proposal 1897 had two additional reviewers added overnight before a Tier recommendation was finalized. There were no proposals recommended for a Tier E. Specific details on each proposal can be viewed in the individual Science Panel summaries.

The final Panel recommendations resulted in the following distribution: Tier E (0), Tier 1 (6), Tier 2 (8), Tier 3 (3).

5. Arctic IERP (postponed until fall 2020)

6. Communications & Outreach

A subgroup of three panel members were asked to provide reviews on the five Outreach proposals under consideration. The Program Manager also provided a recommendation. After discussion, three proposals were flagged for funding consideration by the Panel.

Motion: For funding consideration, flag proposals 1900 (Core 1911), 1926 (Core 1912) and 1928 (Core 1908).

Action: Motion passed with no objections.

The top 10 adult and top 3 youth photos submissions were presented for ranking. Panelists submitted their top three selections through an online poll.

Motion: Approve the 2020 Outreach RFP.

Action: Motion passed with no objections.

7. Evaluation of NPRB Research (postponed until fall 2020)

8. Partnerships (postponed until fall 2020)

9. Social Science Working Group (postponed until fall 2020)

10. Strategic Planning (postponed until fall 2020)

11. Governance (postponed until fall 2020)

12. Nominations

There were five new members welcomed to the NPRB Science Panel at this meeting (Doug DeMaster, Liza Mack, Suresh Sethi, Bill Sydeman, Tom Thornton).



MOTION: Nominate Brad Harris as Chair for a one-year term.

Action: Motion passed with no objections.

MOTION: Nominate Melissa Haltuch and Diana Stram as Vice-Chairs for a one-year term.

Action: Motion passed with no objections.

13. Other Matters

The fall meeting dates will be August 18-20, 2020.

Staff thanked the outgoing Chair for his service and leadership and dedication to the organization. The outgoing Chair made a few closing remarks on his term with the Panel and indicated just how much he was going to miss all of us.

MOTION: Adjourn meeting. 10:59am.

ACTION: Motion passed with no objections.