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North Pacific Research Board  
Meeting Summary  
Spring Advisory Panel  
April 8-9, 2020

The Advisory Panel held a virtual meeting April 8-9, 2020. The meeting was attended by panel members: Ruth Christiansen, (Chair), Nagruk Harcharek (Vice Chair), Gary Freitag, Dave Gaudet, Melissa Good, Nicole Kanayurak, Mitch Kilborn, Vera Metcalf, Ernie Weiss, Verner Wilson, and Caitlin Yeager. Panel members Reid Brewer and Harley Sundown were absent. 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 Advisory Panel (AP) meeting was held virtually via Zoom. This was the first AP meeting for new NPRB Executive Director, Lynn Palensky and new AP member Nicole Kanayurak. This was also the first meeting of a new term for returning AP members Gary Freitag and Vera Metcalf. Each Panel and staff member provided a brief introduction to his/her area of expertise.

In order to accommodate the more challenging 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 previously scheduled working periods were deferred. The original agenda retained active links to prepared materials that would be postponed until the fall 2020 meeting. The meeting was scheduled to take place in two blocks, from 9am-11am on Wednesday and Thursday, April 8-9, 2020.

**MOTION: Nominate Ruth Christiansen as AP Chair for the coming year.**

**Action: Motion passed with no objections.**

**MOTION: Approve spring 2020 meeting agenda as amended by staff.**

**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 Vice Chair. Panelists were asked to nominate or self-nominate over email for a vote on Thursday morning. The motions are covered under item 12. Nominations.

2. Budget Overview (postponed until fall 2020)

3. Graduate Student Research Awards (GSRA)

The AP discussed the nine GSRA proposals recommended by the SP and the AP assigned stars to the following eight proposals:

Master's: 1907, 1909, 1921

Doctoral: 1906, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916



**MOTION: The AP recommends by consensus GSRA proposals 1906, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1916, and 1921.**

**Action: Motion passed with no objections.**

Staff explained that a working group developed recommendations for evaluating GSRA applications and these will be discussed during the fall 2020 meeting cycle. The AP member who served on the working group was thanked for his service.

4. Core Program

The six proposals ranked Tier 1 by the SP were discussed by the AP. The AP also discussed and assigned a star to proposals 1901 and 1895 that were ranked Tier 2 by the SP.

**MOTION: The AP recommends proposals 1879, 1895, 1896, 1897 and 1901 for funding and awards a double star to proposal 1897.**

**Action: Motion passed with no objections.**

5. Arctic IERP (postponed until fall 2020)

6. Communications & Outreach

The AP discussed the five Outreach proposals under consideration and four proposals were recommended for funding by the Panel.

**MOTION: The AP recommends funding outreach proposals 1900, 1926, 1928, and 1929.**

**Action: Motion passed with no objections.**

Members of the AP failed to reach consensus on proposal 1927 and requested that the AP Chair present the arguments in favor of and against this proposal to the Board.

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

The AP reviewed the draft 2020 Outreach RFP developed by staff and recommended approving it without amendment.

**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)



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11. Governance (postponed until fall 2020)

12. Nominations

There was one new panel member at this meeting (Nicole Kanayurak) and several others whose terms had been extended and/or who returned to service on the AP following a required break (Gary Freitag, Melissa Good, Vera Metcalf, and Verner Wilson). Absent AP member Reid Brewer's term was also extended.

**MOTION: Confirm Ruth Christiansen as Chair and nominate Caitlin Yeager as Vice-Chair for a one-year term.**

**Action: Motion passed with no objections.**

13. Other Matters

The fall meeting dates will be September 15-17, 2020.

Outgoing AP Vice Chair Nagruk Harcharek was recognized for his service to the AP.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.