



**NFRA Spring Meeting**  
Thursday, March 8 and Friday, March 9, 2007  
CORE Conference Room  
1201 New York Ave, Suite 420 Washington DC 20005  
**AGENDA**

**Purpose and Outcomes of Meetings:**

- 1) Discussion and adoption of NFRA policy statements on targeted issues
- 2) Discussions with Congress in the authorizing legislation and appropriations
- 3) Introduction to the new NOAA IOOS Program Office, its key personnel and mission
- 4) Briefing for the NOAA IOOS Program Office on the status of development of all 11 RAs
- 5) Discussion with federal partners on key issues
- 6) Update on key issues at the federal level: Priorities for the IWGOO in 2007, NOAA in 2007, Ocean US in 2007

**Thursday, March 8, 2007**

**NFRA Board of Directors Meeting**

**8:15 Coffee and Bagels**

**8:30 Welcome and Introductions**

**Molly McCammon**

**8:35 Legislative Strategy**

**Nina Young**

**9:15 Motion: To approve of the Minutes from the November 6, 2006**

**Christine Manninen**

**9:20 Motion: To approve the February 2007 Financial Statement**

**Rick DeVoe**

**9:30 Update on NFRA Activities**

**Molly McCammon**

**9:45 Policy Discussion Session**

**Molly McCammon**

9:45 Issue #1 -- NFRA Strategic Plan/Workplan

10:00 Issue #2 – Federal funding of RA (see draft position paper)

10:15 Issue #3 – RA Certification (see draft position paper)

**10:30 Break**

10:45 Issue # -- Conceptual Designs Discussion

*At the Regional IOOS Meeting in November, there was discussion on the development of conceptual designs for the RAs. We have not heard much since November about the status of this process but am curious about where each RA is in the development of conceptual designs for the regional system.*

11: 30 Issue #5 Review of NFRA Website

11:45 Other Issues

**11:45 Lunch**

**1:00 Hill Visits**

**6:00 Informal gathering at Capitol City Brewery 1100 NY Ave NW**

**Friday, March 9**

**NFRA Meeting with Federal Partners**

**8:00 Coffee and Bagels**

**8:15 Discussion with Rick Spinrad, Director OAR, NOAA**

*Rick will discuss the Interagency Priorities for 2007 and how the regions can best interact with the federal agency partners.*

**8:45 RA Presentations Moderator: Rick DeVoe**

*Each RA has 5 slides/minutes to discuss their status in the development of governance structure and business plan; DMAC and product development priorities; Success stories; and major impediments and recommendations for overcoming these impediments and list of partners.*

**10:45 Break**

**11:00 Panel Discussion: Moderator: David Martin**

11:00 Ocean US Update - Mary Altalo

- Ocean US Priorities for 2007
- Status of RA Certification

11:15 NOAA's IOOS Office -- Zdenka Willis

- Introduction to IOOS Office and staff
- Objectives and priorities for coming year
- NOAA's internal IOOS plan – 4-5-12
- Relationship to Ocean US, RAs, and other IOOS partners

11:45 CSC RA priorities and projects -- Geno Olmi

- CSC's priorities for 2007
- IOOS FY07 Competitive Review Process
- Common IOOS look
- RA Communications and CSC IOOS webpage
- Regional Coordination Workshop II
- Data Registry
- ERF Conference

12:00 DMAC and IOOS Architecture -- Kurt Schneble

12:15 Discussion

**1:00 Adjourn**

**Hill Visits, continued.**

