

SCCOOS Board Executive Committee
Conference Call Minutes
13 October 2005

In attendance: John Orcutt, Chair
Tony Michaels
Mary Nichols
Steve Weisberg

Decisions and Action Items:

1. SCCOOS should seriously consider participating in a collaboration that would involve the west coast of the US to operate as an "Independent Operator" for the NSF OOI. There was consensus that SCCOOS should be involved in such a collaboration, although additional communication will be needed as the competition becomes clearer.
2. Members of the SCCOOS BEC, along with Government Relations representatives from SCCOOS institutions, will meet with Congressman Jerry Lewis during the winter break, possibly at UCLA.
3. All SCCOOS members should write conference letters supporting a SCCOOS earmark for FY06.
4. We will try to determine if those who work directly under the COPC would be able to serve as the SCCOOS advisory board, rather than CalOST.
5. SCCOOS will convene a Senior Advisory Committee. It was suggested that this committee might meet 2-3 times/year with the ESC, or with topic specific working groups, and report annually to the Board. We should develop a charter at the next BOG meeting on functions, tasks, appointments, replacements, etc. This group should serve as a consulting body for SCCOOS, and be in a position to provide informal feedback and suggestions for product development, among other things. We should decide/act upon number 4 above prior to establishing a nomination committee.]
6. Can we agree on another SCCOOS BOG/ESC/Members meeting, probably in February 2006 at UCLA (if possible)? Yes. The BOG should meet annually thereafter. Mary agreed that UCLA could host such a meeting, which should last 1.5 days, in February 2006.
7. The BEC should have regularly scheduled conference calls at least every three months, and more frequently when necessary. Minutes should be sent out to the SCCOOS mailing list, the BOG and SCCOOS PI's.
8. The BEC should meet in the near future with Sam Schuchat, Sheila Semans, and others involved in the CalCOOS proposal to discuss the relationship between SCCOOS and CalCOOS, as they envision it.