

Sea Grant Association-External Relations Committee (ERC)

Sunday, September 16th, 4:30-6:00 pm

Agenda

- Welcome to ERC—what it is, what it does, and context (SG ERC 101)
- FY19, FY20 budget and reauthorization scenarios and SGA anticipated actions needed
 - FY20 “Ask” discussion to determine a proposed funding level request
- Knauss Fellowship ERC supporting discussions/efforts:
 - Process is now two separate tracks/timelines—one executive and one legislative—is there an ERC role (could/should do) to engage with legislative Knauss fellows?
 - Revisit “Knauss Fellow 101” presentation/workshop with ERC/SGA/Federal Science Partners to be held close to start of fellowships.
- SGA process for commentary on proposed bills: including internal SGA discussion approaches and SGA current policy (e.g., Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture Act (“AQUAA Act”).
- ERC outreach for new and returning Directors:
 - Mentoring one-on-one with ERC members and new/incoming Director’s.
 - Webinar 101’s quarterly from FSP/ERC supported?
- 2018 SGA Fall DC Brownbag timing and topics & 2019 Spring potential
 - Self-evaluation: Are these still beneficial? Opportunities to strengthen these? Sponsorship opportunities?
 - Timing and Topic selection & are SG states well represented?
 - Other opportunities ERC should consider for outreach?
- December SG Board Leadership transition meeting: any ERC topics to add to that Dec discussion?
- ERC coordinating comments on relevant federal planning documents (e.g., Science and Technology for America's Oceans: A Decadal Vision)
- Fall 2019 SGA meeting: Revisit “ERC Bootcamp” discussions (parallel to 2017 Savannah, GA’s meeting)
- ERC membership check in

ERC Members (2017-2018):

Susan White, North Carolina Sea Grant (Chair)
Darren Lerner, Hawaii Sea Grant (Vice Chair)
James Hurley, Wisconsin Sea Grant (SGA President)
Fredrika Moser, Maryland Sea Grant (SGA President-Elect)
Sylvain DeGuise, Connecticut Sea Grant (Member)
Rick DeVoe, South Carolina Sea Grant (Member)
Karl Havens, Florida Sea Grant (Member)
Pam Plotkin, Texas Sea Grant (Member)
Dennis Nixon, Rhode Island Sea Grant (Member)
LaDon Swann, Mississippi/Alabama Sea Grant (Member)
Shelby Walker, Oregon Sea Grant (Member)
Christopher Winslow, Ohio Sea Grant (Member)
Paula Cullenberg, Alaska Sea Grant –retired 2018