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POLAR RESEARCH BOARD

June 18-19, 2009
The National Academies Keck Center
500 Fifth Street NW
Room 109
Washington, DC

PRELIMINARY AGENDA (5-27-09)

Meeting Objectives:

1. Discussion of PRB member roles and responsibilities
2. Interaction with Arctic Research Commission and Interagency Arctic Research Policy Cmt.
3. Strategic planning
4. Providing input to NAS external review of the PRB
5. Project updates and new project planning
6. IASC and SCAR – input on issues

Thursday, June 18, 2009

CLOSED SESSION

8:00 – 9:45 A.M.

OPEN SESSION

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| 10:00 A.M. | ATCM Activities and Accomplishments | Evan Bloom, Dept of State |
| 10:30 A.M. | Interaction with Arctic Research Commission
And Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Compare missions, members, and methods▪ Compare approaches and products▪ Current and upcoming priorities and opportunities▪ Update on Arctic Health workshop and next steps▪ Discussion | Mead Treadwell, John Farrell
Michael van Woert (T) |
| 12:00 NOON | Working Lunch | |
| 1:00 P.M. | Agency Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ NSF-OPP, Karl Erb (T)▪ NSF-OPP-Arctic, Simon Stephenson▪ NSF-OPP-Antarctic, ???▪ NOAA, Chet Koblinsky (with John Calder for discussion)▪ NASA, Jack Kaye (with Tom Wagner for discussion)▪ CCSP, Peter Schultz▪ Discussion and Questions | |
| 2:30 P.M. | <i>Break</i> | |
| 3:00 P.M. | PRB Strategic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Purpose, Approach, and Expected Output▪ A Division Perspective: | Chris Elfring
Warren Muir, DELS Exec. Director |

- What makes a Board effective?
Charge to the breakout groups¹ Jim White
- 3:30 P.M. PRB Strategic Planning – breakout groups
Room 109: Sven Haakanson and Julie Brigham-Grette, leads (invited)
Room 600: Sam Mukasa and Amy Lovecraft, leads (invited)
 - Task 1 (mission, clients, and increasing impacts; details to come)
 - Task 2 (international roles; details to come)
 - Task 3 (ideas for future activities; details to come)
- 5:15 P.M. Reports from groups; overnight assignments Group leads
- 5:30 P.M. **Adjourn.**
- 6:30 P.M. **PRB Working Dinner (details to be announced) (strategic planning continued)**

Friday, June 19, 2009

OPEN SESSION

- 8:00 A.M. Working breakfast in rooms 109 and 600 (strategic planning continued)
- 8:30 A.M. Strategic Planning – small groups continue in rooms 109 and 600
 - Review ideas, additional thoughts from overnight, prioritize
 - Identify “top” option(s) for special workshop - fall 2009
- 9:15 A.M. *Break and return to plenary (room 109)*
- 9:30 A.M. Reports from breakout groups; Decision on fall workshop topic Group leads
Next steps in development of Strategic Planning Whitepaper
- 10:15 A.M. Project Status Reports
 - Tinker Muse Research Award Jodi Bostrum
 - Sea Ice Imagery Stephanie Pfirman
 - IPY closing celebration David Bromwich
- Project Planning All
 - Post-IPY synthesis and integration workshop series
 - 2009 special workshop (e.g., “next generation cutting edge questions”)
 - Antarctic Tourism
 - Ice Sheets and Sea Level
 - “Frontiers in” series (e.g., polar biology model)
- 11:15 A.M. US National Committee Updates
 - SCAR C. Kennicutt and T. Wilson
 - IASC J. Grebmeier
- 12:30 P.M. **Open Session Adjourns**

¹ Board members and other participants are asked to come prepared with (a) 2 accomplishments/successes of the recent PRB, (b) 2 problems/areas where we need to improve, and (c) 2 important scientific issues that might be suitable for a PRB-led Academy study or workshop, in line with our mission.