



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Sea Grant Advisory Board

Public Meeting of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting and Notice of Solicitation for Nominations for the National Sea Grant Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Sea Grant Advisory Board (Board). Board members will discuss and provide advice on the National Sea Grant College Program (NSGCP) in the areas of program evaluation, strategic planning, education and extension, science and technology programs, and other matters as described in the agenda found on the NSGCP website at <http://seagrants.noaa.gov/WhoWeAre/Leadership/NationalSeaGrantAdvisoryBoard/UpcomingAdvisoryBoardMeetings.aspx>.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Atlantic Time and Tuesday, November 12, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Atlantic Time. There

will also be a business meeting on Monday, November 11th for the Board Equal Employment Opportunity biennial training, which is not open to the public. There is no due date for nominations, however the program intends to begin reviewing applications to fill upcoming vacancies by January 31, 2020. Applications will be kept on file for consideration of any Board vacancy for a period of three years from January 31, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held La Concha Resort in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Nominations should be sent to the attention of Ms. Donna Brown, National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3, Room 11717, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 or Donna.Brown@noaa.gov.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period on Monday, November 11, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. Atlantic Time and Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 8:45 a.m. Atlantic Time. (check agenda using link in the Summary section to confirm time.) The Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments

should be received by Ms. Donna Brown by Friday, November 1, 2019 to provide sufficient time for Board review. Written comments received after the deadline will be distributed to the Board, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats for the meeting will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For any questions concerning the meeting, please contact Ms. Donna Brown, National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11717, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Phone Number: 301-734-1088, Fax Number: 301-713-1031, Email: Donna.Brown@noaa.gov.

Special Accommodations: The Board meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Donna Brown by Friday, November 1, 2019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Board, which consists of a balanced representation from academia, industry, state government and citizens groups, was established in 1976 by Section 209 of the Sea Grant Improvement Act (Public Law 94-461, 33 U.S.C. 1128). The Board advises the Secretary of Commerce and

the Director of the NSGCP with respect to operations under the Act, and such other matters as the Secretary refers to them for review and advice.

This notice also responds to the Sea Grant Program Improvement Act of 1976, which requires the Secretary of Commerce to solicit nominations at least once a year for membership on the National Sea Grant Advisory Board. To apply for membership to the Board applicants should submit a current resume. A cover letter highlighting specific areas of expertise relevant to the purpose of the Board is helpful, but not required. Nominations will be accepted by email or U.S. mail (See Contact Information Section). NOAA is an equal opportunity employer.

Matters to Be Considered:

Individuals Selected for Federal Advisory Committee Membership:
Upon selection and agreement to serve on the National Sea Grant Advisory Board, you become a Special Government Employee (SGE) of the United States Government. According to 18 U.S.C. 202(a), an SGE is an officer or employee of an agency who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed to perform temporary duties, with or without compensation, not to exceed 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, either on a full time or intermittent basis. Please be aware that after the selection process is complete, applicants selected to serve on the Board

must complete the following actions before they can be appointed as a Board member:

(a) Security Clearance (on-line Background Security Check process and fingerprinting), and other applicable forms, both conducted through NOAA Workforce Management; and

(b) Confidential Financial Disclosure Report as an SGE, you are required to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report annually to avoid involvement in a real or apparent conflict of interest. You may find the Confidential Financial Disclosure Form at the following website.

<https://oge.gov/web/oge.nsf/OGE%20Forms/60739EAC38F5697785258363005C02C9>.

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