This special meeting was held via teleconference. It was called to order about 1:30 p.m. by Chair John Calder. 

**Board members present:** John Calder, Doug Lentz, Capt. Craig Lloyd, Susan Saupe, Joe Banta, Gary Folley, Angela Totemoff, Brad Dunker, and Charles Meacham.  
**Absent:** Doug Mutter, Glenn Ujioka, John Goering, Bill Lindow and Samantha Carroll. 

**Staff present:** Nancy Bird and W. Scott Pegau. 

**Agenda** – The purpose of this special meeting was to take action on recommendations made by the OSRI Scientific and Technical Committee (STC) at their April 6, 2011 meeting. 

**Oil detection Proposal**

Pegau reported that the STC and OSRI staff concur in recommending award of the joint proposal titled “Detection and Mapping of Oil Spills Under Sea Ice,” submitted by the Scottish Association of Marine Science (SAMS) and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute (WHOI) to test various technologies for under ice detections tools. A total of four proposals were submitted and reviewed. Calder said he had reviewed the SAMS/WHOI proposal and supports the award. Each member of the Board present stated their support for the award of $149,915 to SAMS and WHOI for this project. The decision was unanimous. 

**RFP for Hydrological Modeling**

Pegau stated this FY11 Work Plan project was premised on additional funding committed by the Alaska Ocean Observing System (AOOS). The AOOS funds will not be available until late this summer or early fall. In order to combine the OSRI allocation with AOOS funds, Pegau recommended to the STC that the RFP’s release be delayed until late August or September with award of the project in October or November. 

Since the award would then be in FY12, the STC recommends that the OSRI funds ($85K) budgetted for the project be placed in the FY12 Work Plan and the current year funds be re-allocated, as described later in the meeting. 

Discussion ensued on timing of the RFP’s release. **Motion by Banta,** seconded by Lentch to direct staff to postpone the $85K budgeted in FY11 for the hydrological model for inclusion in the FY12 Work Plan in order to better match up funding for this project with the AOOS. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**Recommendations for the re-allocation of funds**

The STC made the following four recommendations to re-allocate $69,800 from the FY11 Work Plan (of the total $85K budgeted for the hydrological modeling project): 

- Make two awards for the model validation of Sound Predictions 2009. The two proposals submitted are complementary and the STC recommend funding both instead of just one. The STC awarded the proposal submitted by Research4D and recommends $24,800 be re-allocated for award of the AOOS proposal for model validation. 
- Make two awards instead of only one for the Graduate Research Fellowships, increasing the FY11 Work Plan fellowship budget to a total of $75,000; and awarding the second $25,000 graduate fellowship to Alexandrardo Ravelo, a Master’s Degree student investigating benthic invertebrates in the Arctic. (Another $25,000 graduate fellowship is already awarded to another applicant).
- Increase award for the Summer Education program in FY11 from $10,000 to $20,000 in order to support travel necessary to develop partnerships during the planning phase of this program.
- Increase the award for the Technology Education project in FY11 from $10K to $20K in order to provide for more spare parts and travel to train potential users.

After review and discussion of these recommendations, there was consensus to vote on the four recommendations as a package, not individually. **Decision was reached to approve the four recommendations for re-allocation of funds as detailed above.** The Chair asked for objections and heard **No objections** to this decision.

**Membership on the Scientific and Technical Committee**
The Board reviewed memberships on this committee and **unanimously approved** renewal of Jeep Rice and Lee Majors for terms to expire in the fall of 2013.

**Miscellaneous:**
- It was noted that the Position Announcement for the combined OSRI Executive Director and PWSSC President/C.E.O. is now advertised and posted at the PWSSC website; it will be posted at the OSRI website as well and all Board members should have received a copy of the announcement and spreadsheet indicating advertising venues. The deadline for applicants is July 1.
- Bird requested a modification for the **September Board meeting in Cordova** to be 2-days in order to accommodate both the Annual Board meeting on **Thursday, September 22** in Cordova and **interviews** with job candidates on **Friday, September 23**. Those interviews will be done jointly with the PWSSC Board of Directors.

**Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at about 2:30 p.m.

These minutes were reviewed and approved on September 22, 2011.

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Susan Saupe, Secretary