



Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 8, 2012
10:30 AM

Members in attendance: R. Casini, G. deToma, A. deWijn, Y. Fan, S. Gibson, B.C. Low, G. Lu, S. McIntosh, M. Rempel, A. Richmond, S. Solomon, M. Thompson (Chair), S. Tomczyk, M. Wiltberger, Q. Wu

Attendees: J. Burkepile, B. Johnson (Minutes); L. Jones, L. Sitongia

Michael welcomed committee members and invited staff to this open meeting to discuss in particular Item 2.

1. Discuss Implementation and Delivery Plan (IDP): Thompson

The final version of the IDP was emailed to members prior to this meeting. Comments pertaining to this plan are welcome until early next week. This plan is an internal HAO document that outlines how HAO seeks to make progress in delivering on its Strategic Plan 2011-2015, and it is updated annually. The plan will be posted on the HAO website allowing for staff-only access.

2. NSO Headquarters: Thompson

It is Thompson's desire to seek colleague's thoughts regarding a wide range of working relationship considerations pertaining to HAO's association with NSO moving forward. Suggestions from meeting attendees included: considering business as usual; exploring collaboration opportunities; co-location with NSO on the CU East campus; merging with NSO; becoming an independent institution; changing our name to a "laboratory".

Thompson considers his role as director, in this process, is to look out for the interests of HAO staff and the community that HAO serves.

The general consensus amongst those present at the meeting was that HAO should:

- remain within the NCAR organization;
- find ways to effectively and complementarily collaborate with other UCAR/NCAR laboratories;
- collaborate with NSO;
- identify our brand and define ourselves so that others know exactly what we do (build on our core strengths);
- explore a name change that honors our past and more accurately reflects our current mission and vision.