

7 September 2012

MEMORANDUM

To: NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB)

From: Ferris Webster, DAARWG Chair

Re: Nominees for DAARWG membership and appointment of a new DAARWG chair.

The DAARWG seeks to replace members whose terms will expire on 31 December 2012. Peter Cornillon, Sara Graves, and Ferris Webster have served two three-year terms and are not eligible for reappointment. Ernest Hildner has served one three-year term and is eligible for reappointment.

At this time, DAARWG proposes two new members and the reappointment of Ernest Hildner. A nomination for the fourth vacant position will be submitted at a later date. The terms of the appointments are to expire on 31 December 2015. The two new proposed members are:

- Stefan Falke, Northrop Grumman Information Systems, St. Louis, Missouri
- Peter Fox, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York

Nominees were selected to maintain broad representation in scientific, industrial, and user expertise in data system procedures and needs. The rationale for selecting these nominees is:

- **Stefan Falke** is involved in air quality issues, particularly in the context of networked data systems, an area not currently covered on the DAARWG.
- **Peter Fox**, notable for his wide interests, will bring expertise to the working group from his activities in large-scale distributed scientific repositories.
- **Ernest Hildner**, an expert in space weather, has been a strong contributor on DAARWG and if reappointed will surely continue to serve as one of DAARWG's sparkplugs.

The nominees agree serve on the DAARWG in the event that they are selected. A CV or professional summary for each of the candidates is attached.

At the same time my term as chair of the DAARWG will terminate. I propose that current working-group member Chris Lenhardt be appointed as Chair. Chris has provided a solid contribution during his service on the working group. His experience in chairing similar committees, such as the Earth Science Information Partners Foundation and the Foundation for Earth Science, has demonstrated his talents in this activity. His curriculum vitae is attached.

I recommend that the SAB concur in Lenhardt's appointment as DAARWG Chair.

I am available to answer any additional questions you have.

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