

Terms of Reference

Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network: Executive Council

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Members of the GOA-ON Executive Council (EC) are appointed for one 3-year term with the possibility to extend service in 3-year increments (up to a maximum of 9 years). Once a Co-Chair reaches the end of six years (or sooner if desired by the Co-Chair), an election must be held by the EC to replace the Co-Chair from the broader EC or renew the sitting Co-Chair's term, assuming they are willing to serve. A new co-chair from outside of the EC can be appointed. The EC Co-Chairs in consultation with the broader EC can elect to extend the terms of service of individual scientific EC members, as they reach the end of their 3-year council terms, assuming they are in good standing (see below), contributing significantly and interested in continuing. Intergovernmental/governmental entities will have permanent representation on the Council and are also eligible to serve as Co-Chair. The EC will make an effort to rotate out at least 20% of the membership every 3 years.

Composition of the Executive Council:

- The EC will be composed of the Co-Chairs plus up to 20 additional members. The number of EC members may only increase to accommodate representatives from new regional hubs (see current regional hubs here: http://www.goa-on.org/regional_hubs/index.php).
- Members will be nominatedⁱ with effort to have geographic diversity and gender balance, and will be chosen as
 - experts in fields of ocean observing (ocean biology and biogeochemistry), chemical oceanography, biological oceanography, biological experimentation, sensors and instruments, modelling, and data management.
 - representatives of government agencies, relevant intergovernmental bodiesⁱⁱ, and national scientific programs. These representatives are recommended by the agencies / programs in agreement with the GOA-ON co-chairs.
- Co-chairs should ideally have both scientific expertise and strong policy or funding linkages. New co-chairs will be elected by the EC.

The responsibilities of the EC members are:

- Attend, in personⁱⁱⁱ, one EC meeting annually, nominally two full days. Annual EC meetings will likely be scheduled in conjunction with other workshops and meetings to reduce travel requirements by EC members.
- Prior to the EC meetings, report in writing^{iv} any matters relevant to GOA-ON in the thematic area of their appointment.
- Participate in quarterly teleconferences with the EC (planned at least 4 weeks in advance with sufficient flexibility in proposed dates).
- Provide relevant information for the quarterly GOA-ON newsletter.

- Provide input on the international community needs regarding GOA-ON related issues. Suggest actions for GOA-ON to address these needs and work with the EC and partner organizations to execute actions.
- Represent GOA-ON, particularly in their area of expertise, at international meetings and workshops, and report on significant outcomes relevant to GOA-ON within three months of the meeting or as needed and appropriate
- Promote the awareness of GOA-ON to the public, policy makers and within the scientific community.
- Encourage national and international funding agencies to support the activities of the GOA-ON.
- Encourage coordination of efforts and collaboration with organizations and projects involved in ocean acidification observations, impacts and data delivery.

If EC members are unable to provide significant contribution to GOA-ON, for example by not participating in the in-person annual meetings and quarterly teleconferences, the Co-Chairs in consultation with the EC have the option to nominate new members to replace them, after notifying them and giving them an opportunity to re-engage.

For an updated list of GOA-ON EC members and co-chairs, visit: http://www.goa-on.org/about/executive_council.php

ⁱ Nominations sought from existing members, on the basis of wider consultations and agreement of the nominated individual

ⁱⁱ Currently IOC, IOCCP, GOOS, and OA-ICC; others not excluded if strong interest

ⁱⁱⁱ Effort will be made to centrally cover the costs of in-person meeting participation. Arrangements will be discussed further on an individual basis depending on the EC member needs

^{iv} Written reports to the GOA-ON Secretariat/Project Office, and until established to the Co-Chairs