



Ocean Exploration  
Advisory Board

# Chair's Introduction

# **Ocean Exploration Advisory Board**

October 1-2, 2015

GSO

University of Rhode Island

# OEAB Boundaries

- Advise the Administrator on **priority areas for survey/ discovery**
  - Understand FY15-16
  - Advise on FY17 +
- Assist the OER in development of a 5 year plan
- Review (annually): **proposal review process**
- Other assistance as Administrator requests
- Comply with FACA rules

# Administrator Requests

- Focus first on the NOAA OER areas for discovery
  - **OER = OKEANOS + OET + ECS + Competitive Grants**
- Consider Administrator's priorities:
  - OE must support NOAA mission requirements
  - Exploration results must lead to “actionable environmental information” for NOAA clients

Note: We will get to other agencies and institutes in due course

# NOAA OE Program Funding

- Approximate Funding:
  - FY 13: \$23.688 million
  - FY 14: \$26.0 million
  - FY15 : \$28.0 million
  - FY16: \$19.334 million (President's Budget Request)
    - House: \$32 million
    - Senate: \$22.34 million
    - If CR ... then \$28 million
  - FY17: in formulation now

# October 2015 Meeting

- Hear about OET and then especially how OET prioritizes exploration campaigns ... our generous host
- Hear about ECS (Larry Mayer)
- Hear from GFOE (Dave Lovalvo)
- Hear from Chris German re Students and Telepresence
- Dr. Leonardi responds to us re: future planning
- Discuss National Forum III in Baltimore ... briefly
  - Hear OER's view of status of Forum I & II recommendations
- Discussion among Board ... craft short report to NOAA
- Next meeting ... St Pete in Winter ... Jackie
- Then in LA area in Spring/Summer ... Lance

# Backup

# Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009 (PL 111-11)

- Establishes a national OE program within NOAA
  - in collaboration with others
- Directs NOAA to explore
  - in collaboration with others
- Directs NOAA to develop an OE Strategic Plan
  - in collaboration with others
- Establishes an OEAB

# NOAA OER Organization

- Under Secretary of Commerce/NOAA Administrator
  - *Dr. Kathryn Sullivan*
- Chief Scientist
  - *Dr. Rick Spinrad*
- Assistant Administrator for NOAA Research (OAR)
  - *Mr. Craig McLean*
- Director, Ocean Exploration and Research (OER)
  - *Dr. Alan Leonardi*
- Deputy Director, OER
  - *Mr. John McDonough*
- OEAB DFO
  - *Mr. David McKinnie*