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Gulf of Mexico Coastal Ocean Observing System

Executive Committee of the Board of Directors (January 1, 2022 - Present).

Board of Directors (2010 - Present).

Committee Member, Gulf Ocean Acidification Network (G-CAN). (2017 - Present).

Committee Member, Gulf Glider Group. (May 2020 - Present).

Committee Member, High Frequency Radar Group. (May 2020 - Present).

Committee Chair, Glider Task Team. (2012 - 2014).

Committee Chair, Ocean Observing Committee. (2006 - 2014).

Committee Chair, Business Plan Working Group (2004 - 2005).

Member, Governing Plan Working Group, Gulf of Mexico Ocean Observing System, 2004-2005.

NOAA Integrated Ocean Observing System

Committee Member, Hurricane Gliders Coordination Group. (2019 - Present).

HFR National Steering Team & HFR Working Group. (2010 - 2021).

Committee Member, Planning Committee 8th EGO Meeting and International Glider Workshop, (March 5, 2019 - June 1, 2019).

Member, Review Panel for the IOOS Plan for a National HF Radar Surface Current Capability, 19-21 August, 2008, Keystone, CO.

Office of Naval Research

Member, Steering Committee for IOOS Data Standards Working Group. (2003 - 2004).

National Science Foundation

Member, Program Advisory Committee for Oceans Observatories Initiative. (2012 - 2015).

Chosen participant, Ocean Observatories Initiative/ Pioneer Array Innovations Lab. (February 12, 2021 - March 19, 2021).

International Hydrographic Organization

Member, U.S. Delegation to the 2023 Assembly

Committee Member, Science on a Sphere. (November 22, 2022 - May 7, 2023).

Served as a representative for a capacity building site visit to Ghana (March 23, 2019 - April 2019).

North American Hub of the Global Ocean Acidification

Member, Observing Network. (January 2017 - Present).

Committee Member, NOAA/Steering Committee for Hypoxia Workshop. (2015 - 2016).

Mississippi Academy of Sciences

Chair, Marine and Atmospheric Sciences Division (2006).

Northern Gulf Institute (NOAA Cooperative Institute)

Member, Executive Council for the Northern Gulf Institute (2007-2011)

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