

Environmental Information Services Working Group (EISWG) – Report to the SAB

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**NOAA SAB Telecon
July 24, 2013**

Future Role—EISWG's Focus

Expand the EISWG's focus beyond the NWS

- ◆ Examine a wider spectrum of topics—atmospheric, oceanographic, observing systems, data management issues, etc.
- ◆ Cross-cutting focus
- ◆ Examine issues in depth
- ◆ Caveat: Not well constituted to address fisheries issues

Quick Activity Summary

- Eight formal meetings and one ad hoc meeting (First meeting was held November, 2009). Several teleconferences on special-issue topics (e.g. review of NOAA and NWS draft strategic plans).
- **One telephonic meeting (April 17, 2013)**
- Numerous AMS briefings and engagements
- Outreach to other organizations (e.g. Reinsurance Association of America)
- NOAA and NWS Strategic Plan Reviews
- Climate Partnership Task Force (CPTF) Organization and Implementation
- Open Weather and Climate Services (OWCS) Concept
- Outreach to NOAA Offices and other Federal activities
- Telephone discussions with NWS regarding NAPA recommendation to establish an NWS FACA advisory committee

Recent Meeting

- **EISWG Telephonic Meeting (in lieu of previously scheduled in-person meeting)** was held Wednesday, April 17, 2013
- Agenda Topics:
 - Membership recommendations to the SAB
 - **NOAA's Response to the Climate Partnership Task Force Report – a letter response to the NOAA Administrator has been submitted to the SAB**
 - Continue to develop the OpenEIS
 - Weather Ready Nation Ambassadors
 - Participation in a NOMADS workshop
 - Development of 2013 Work Plan
- Next meeting (tentative): Week of 12/2 or 12/9/2013; in-person?

EISWG Membership

(bold type = members up for renewal)

Co-Chairs:

Ms. Nancy Colleton, IGES

Dr. Walter F. Dabberdt, Vaisala

Members:

Dr. Phil Ardanuy, Raytheon

Dr. Anne Bostrom, U of WA

Dr. Eric Gritit, 3Tier, Inc.

Mr. Eddie Hicks, Morgan County,
Alabama

Dr. Ronald McPherson, AMS
(Executive Director Emeritus)

Mr. Barry L. Myers, AccuWeather,
Inc.

Dr. Peter P. Neilley, The Weather
Channel Companies

Mr. Warren Qualley, Harris Corp.

Dr. Kelly T. Redmond, Desert
Research Institute, Western
Regional Climate Center

Mr. John Toohey-Morales,
ClimaData Corp.

Mr. Joel M. Widder, The Oldaker
Group

Dr. Julie Ann Winkler, Michigan
State University

Mr. Robert Winokur, Office of the
Oceanographer of the Navy (ret.)

SAB Liaison:

Mr. Ray Ban, Ban & Associates, LLC

Vacancies

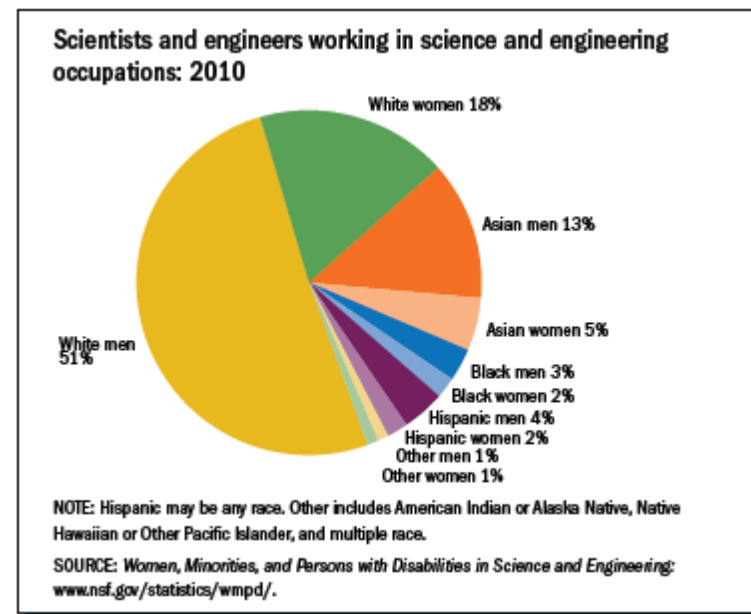
- Economist
- Oceanographer
- Hydrologist/Hydrometeorologist
- At Large

New Member Recommendations

- Dr. Robert Weller, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution – Oceanography
- Ms. Jean Vieux, Vieux Inc. – Hydrology
- Dr. Ron Birk, Northrop Grumman Corp. – At Large
- Dr. John Snow, University of Oklahoma – At Large

EISWG Membership Overview (with new members)

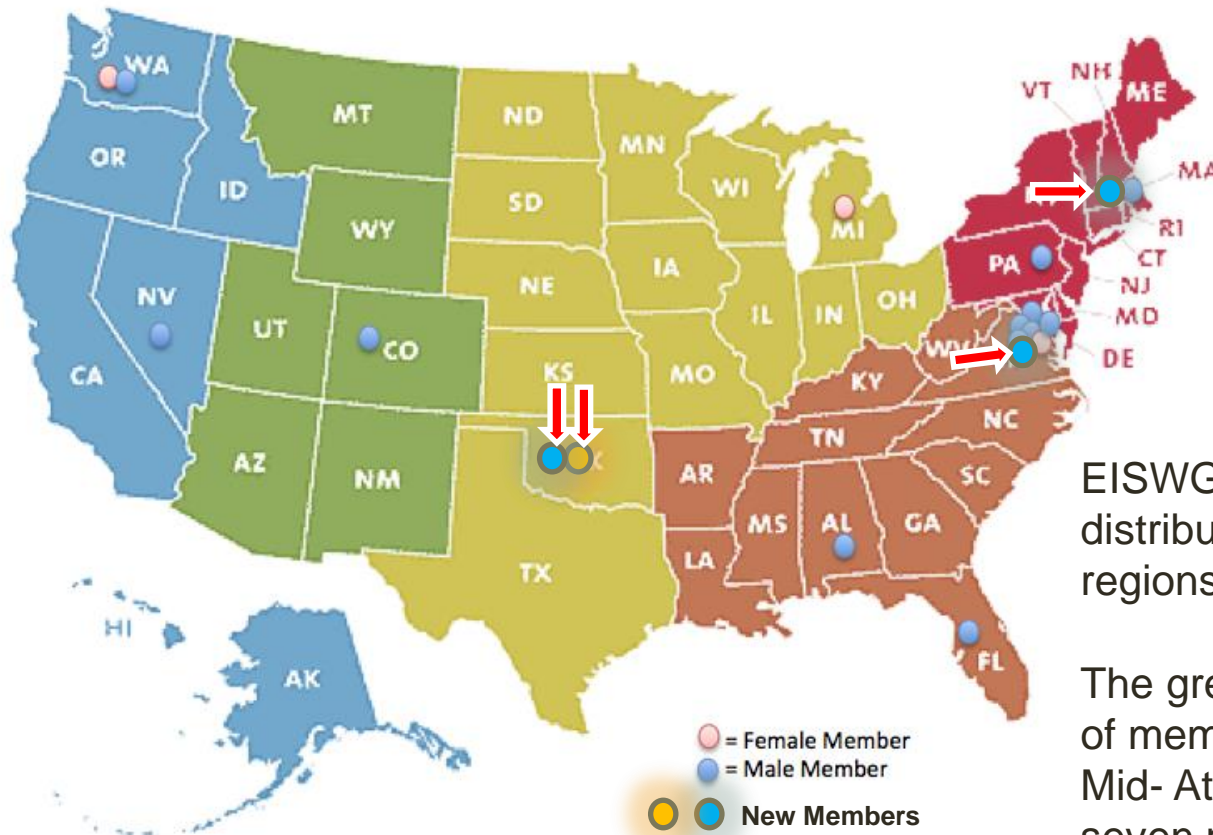
- Originally constituted with 18 members.
- Will now → 19 members.
- Seventy-nine percent (79%) of the current membership will be reappointments*.
- Seventy-nine percent (79%) of EISWG members will be male*.
- One ethnic minority.



Nationally: Men: 72%; Women: 28%

*assuming current reappointments are approved

EISWG Geographic Representation (with new members)

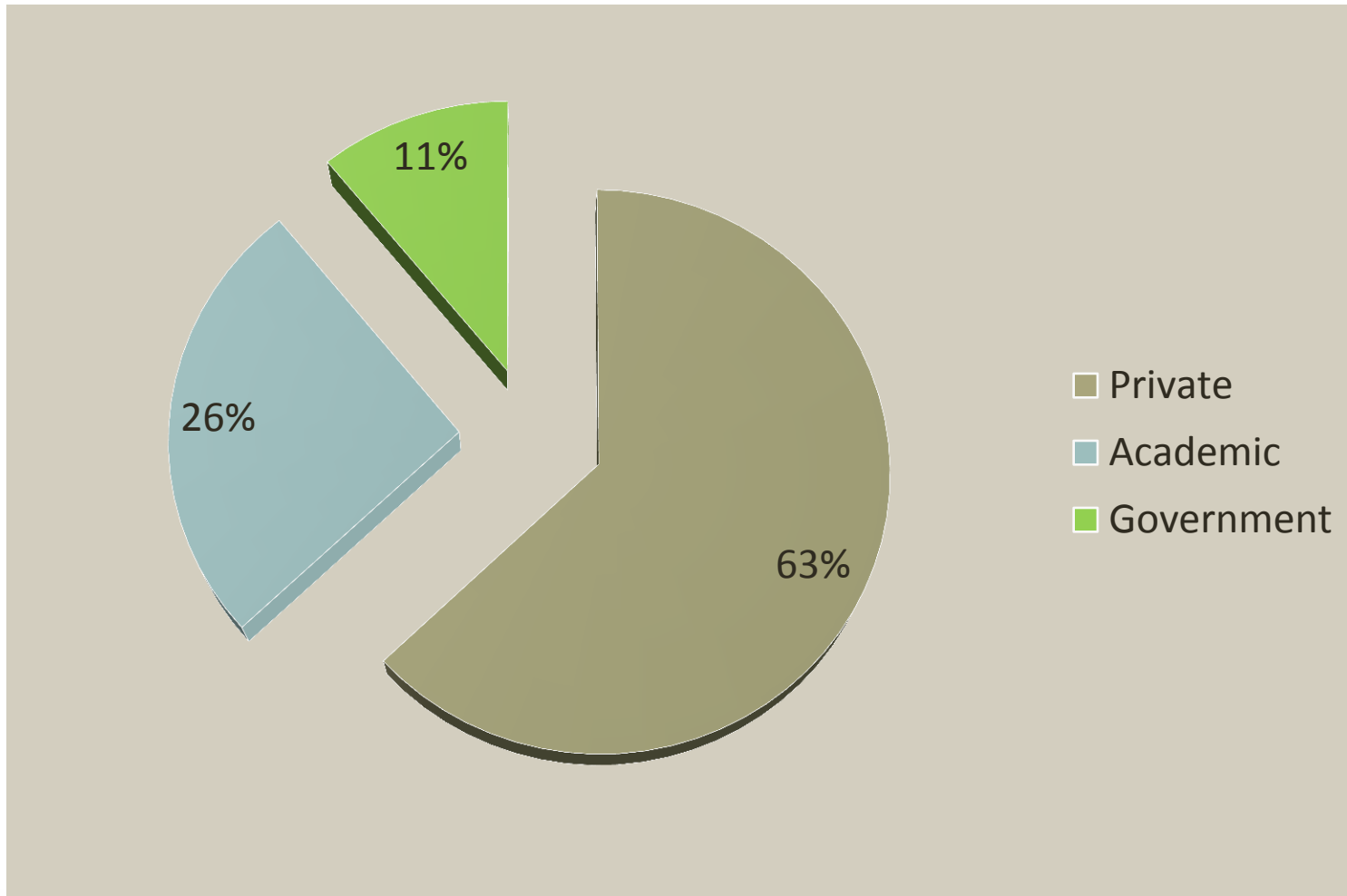


EISWG member geographic distribution represents all regions of the country.

The greatest concentration of members is located in the Mid- Atlantic region, where seven people are in the Washington, DC area.

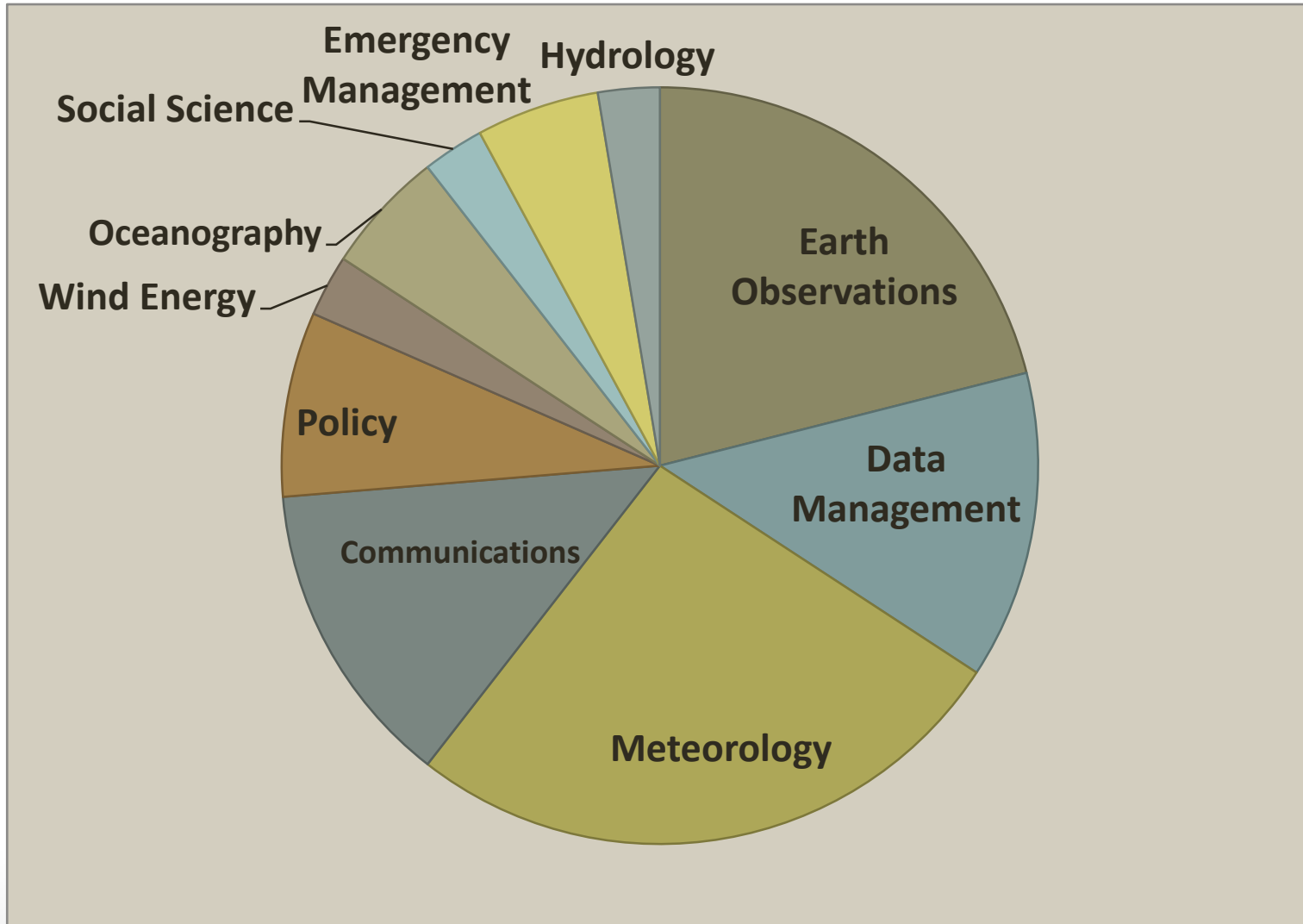
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EISWG Sector Representation -- New



*assuming current reappointments are approved

EISWG Areas of Expertise -- New



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