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SAB AI Steering Committee Update

NOAA Science Advisory Board Meeting June 18, 2024
Ilene Carpenter, Chair AI Steering Committee

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Background

Why should SAB engage on AI?

Following SAB AI discussions in 2023 - Sense of urgency and a call to action:

- Market demand
- Rapid pace of change in AI technology
- High potential for significant impact on earth science research
- Uncertainties & risks regarding implementation and governance

Conclusion – convene meeting of WG Co-Chairs & SAB Liaisons

Objective – recommend path forward for SAB to address AI/ML

Result

- Formed AI Scoping Team to develop short prospectus
 - Prospectus completed and submitted to SAB for review
 - Evaluated alternative approaches and pros & cons
 - Developed Prospectus for AI Executive Team



Background Information

- The NOAA Center for AI (NCAI) and Dr. Michael Morgan, ASEOP and NOAA AI Executive Champion, endorsed the idea of an AI Steering Committee within the SAB, particularly as a focal point for NOAA engagement
- Prospectus approved by the SAB during the March 2024 SAB meeting in Washington, DC
- SAB agreed on regular check-ins with the AI Steering Committee to evaluate needs, challenges, and opportunities



AI Steering Committee Membership

- Ilene Carpenter, Chair, SAB Member
- Bob Grossman, SAB Member
- James Sims, DAARWG Co-chair
- Michael Anderson, CWG Co-chair
- Tom Hamill, EISWG Member
- Barb Kirkpatrick, ESMWG Member
- Liz Vanacore, TSTAP Member



AI Steering Committee met May 16, 2024

- EISWG Draft Statement on NOAA Investment in Deep Learning Numerical Weather Prediction
- Summary of ESMWG AI Meeting
- Reviewed AI Steering Committee Prospectus
- Identifying a NOAA liaison to the Steering Committee
- Planning NOAA engagement



Points for Discussion

- Next steps
 - Ongoing engagement with Working Groups and NOAA
- New priority AI topics for the Steering Committee or Working Groups?
- Q&A