

1. **Knauss Fellowship Program**

- a. Some thoughts as to how better get residual value to SG from this expenditure of NSGO funds:
 - i. “Retitle” the program to a more “user friendly” Sea Grant recognizable name, i.e. from
 1. The National Sea Grant College Program Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, to:
 2. Knauss Sea Grant Fellowship Program

Update: The fellowship name was updated for the 2011 Federal Funding Opportunity to “ National Sea Grant College Program Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship” or “ Knauss Sea Grant Fellowship Program” for short version.

- ii. If this is not legally possible due to endowment language, etc, then retain formal title but when ever used in “shorthand” as is current done with “Knauss Fellowship” always use “Knauss Sea Grant Fellowship”
- iii. Require a written essay in candidates’ application on Sea Grant, eg what is the purpose of the National Sea Grant College Program and what is its current relevance to our nation’s needs

Update: This could be considered as a requirement for the 2012 federal funding opportunity.

- iv. Require colleges who sponsor a candidate to the final selection in Washington to hold a 2-3 hour orientation on their local sea grant program before they go for national interviews

Update: Each of the state Sea Grant Programs has taken the task of better engage the finalists before arriving to Washington DC. Some examples of activities current fellows are engage with this year include program TRP’s and day visits with the extension agents.

- v. Tell candidates that one of the many interview questions they will need to respond to in the national selection process will be on the role of the national sea grant

program. Its history, its successes, why congress should fund it, etc

Update: Before making this a requirement, we need to discuss more. This is an educational opportunity for the fellow and the national selection might not be the best mechanism or venue for having these fellows become champions of the program.

vi. The idea of creating a formal “friends of sea grant” is excellent

1. Email list needs be fed with monthly message as well as periodic calls for support

Update: We are currently working on incorporating updates to the Knauss Sea Grant Fellowship Alumni Database that could address this recommendation.

vii. . Knauss Sea Grant Fellows “fraternity”

1. At national orientation at beginning of fellowship, make as a requirement a monthly or bi monthly evening gathering (maybe NSGO buys the beer) at which current fellows network, listen to current news pitch from NSGO and possibly take turns discussing their current assignments, etc
2. All to the notion of building a lasting relationship and alumni group amongst the fellows

Update: This approach is currently in use but it varies year to year as some classes are closer amongst classmates than other classes.

viii. Knauss Sea Grant Fellows Alumni group

1. Create formal group
2. Elected officers (from key alums who see the benefit of on gong network and are willing to put forth the organizing effort)

Update: We can work on this idea.

3. Annual reception funded by NSGO but with a formal program
 - a. Status report on SG
 - b. Possibly key legislative or NOAA speaker

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