***Present:*** Marie Hoffpauer Dave Rowell

Diane McArthur Hope Hasberry

Michael Fitzsimmons Tony Merriman

Cheryl Latif Karolyn Maldonado

Pat Taylor Mary Dunbar

James Su Monique Royal

Ed Schumann Shari Mutchler

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm Eastern Time, led by Hope Hasberry. The following agenda items were discussed:

***Diversity Council Business:***

**Focal Point Certification Team –** Pat stated that guide is on it final review. She hopes to have the final document out by the beginning of the fiscal year. She asked Cheryl Latif to give it a final review.

**Theme Poster Contest –** Hope stated that the Disability Poster contest was under way and that the contest ends on September 15th. She asked everyone to encourage their offices/regions to participate.

**Diversity Ambassadors –** Hope stated that the webinars that Dave Rowell completed on gender were a great success. Dave stated that he appreciated the feedback that he received and that he enjoyed given the webinars. He stated that he was working on a presentation on gender and the sciences. He encouraged other Ambassadors to do the same.

Hope and Dave stated that they are hoping to add one or 2 more Ambassadors to the list to ensure that all of the Diversity areas were covered.

**Inputting Diversity Data into NOEES—**Hope asked everyone to encouraged their people to input all outreach information into the NOEES. It is coming upon the end of the fiscal year and we want to make sure all information is there for reporting.

**Pathways Internship Program—**Hope mentioned that the Pathways Internship Program was available for usage. She stated WFMO wanted to ensure that everyone understood that all internships had to be advertised under the Pathways program through USAJOBs. If there are any questions, individuals should contact Hope or their WFMO rep.

***Roundtable:***

**Regional Reports –**

Hope reported on the success of the NOAA Dress for Success Campaign at the Headquarters.

She also thanked Jennifer Bowen for the one-pager she did for Women’s Equality Day (August 26th). Hope sent the one-pager to all Focal Points and asks them to post to their office bulletin boards.

Tony Merriman mentioned that all of the one-pagers can be found on the CR’s new EEO/Diversity google site: <https://sites.google.com/a/noaa.gov/nws-cr-asd/home/workforce-services/noaa-equal-opportunity-diversity-management/special-observances>

Hope also mentioned the Guidance on the Extension of Benefits to Married Gay and Lesbian Federal Employees, Annuitants, and Their Families sent out by OPM. Employees had until August 26, 2013to change their FEFLI and FEDVIP enrollment. Please remind your offices/regions.

Monique Royal, who’s new to the council, asks for and list of roles and responsibilities and a list of council members.

Michael Fitzsimmons mentioned that Roger Lamoni was retiring soon and that he would be taking his place on the council.

Tony Merriman and CR were putting together its latest newsletter and that he would share with the council.