
Welcome to the 25th ARCUS Annual Meeting

Wednesday, 26 June 2013
Pew Conference Center
Washington, D.C.

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Agenda Outline

- Welcome and Introductions
- Board Member Election Results
- Recognition of Outgoing Board Members
- Annual Report of the Corporation
 - Overview
 - Program Report
 - Financial Report



Board Member Election

- **Board Nominees:**

Mike Retelle

Bates College

Dave Cairns

Texas A&M University

John Payne

NSSI, Michigan Tech

Timo Koivurova

University of Lapland

Howie Epstein

University of Virginia

- **Electronic voting process complete; nominees were approved by Council**



Outgoing Board Members

We would like to thank:

Peter Schweitzer

Leslie King

Vera Alexander

For their dedicated service
to ARCUS.

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Annual Report of the Corporation

- Vera Alexander, Board President
- Susan E. Fox, Executive Director
- Helen Wiggins, Director of Programs





ARCUS Overview

Susan E. Fox, Executive Director
2013 Annual Meeting: Annual Report Presentation

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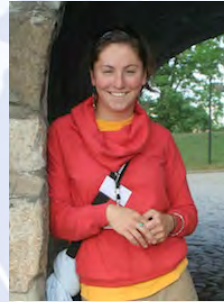
Staff (10 full-time, 3 part-time)



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Business Manager



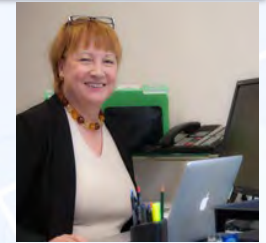
KRISTINA CREEK
Executive Coordinator



SARAH BARTHOLOW
Project Manager



JUDY FAHNESTOCK
Project Assistant



SUSAN FOX
Executive Director



LESLIE KITCHEN
Administrative Assistant



RONNIE OWENS
Web Developer



JOED POLLY
Video/Online Media



ZEB POLLY
Systems
Administrator



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Looking Ahead

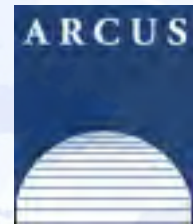
- Strategic Planning Process
- Updating Vision and Mission





ARCUS Program Highlights

Helen V. Wiggins, Director of Programs
2013 Annual Meeting: Annual Report Presentation



Presentation Outline

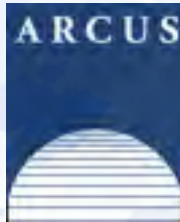
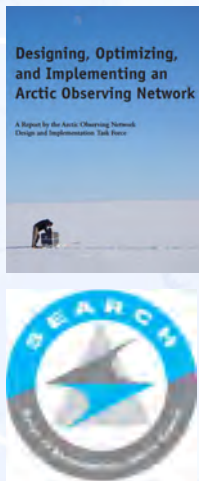
1. Community Science Planning
2. Information and Outreach
3. Education
4. Thoughts & Questions



Community Science Planning (I)

Study of Environmental Arctic Change (SEARCH)

- **Completed Strategic Planning process**
 - Developed vision, mission, a set of 5-year science goals
 - Developed new organizational structure, specific activities
 - White paper online (<http://www.arcus.org/search>) and proposal submitted
- **Arctic Observing Network (AON)**
 - US Arctic Observing Coordination Workshop report
 - AON Design and Implementation Final report
 - Arctic Observing Summit



Community Science Planning (III)

- **Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee (IARPC)**
 - Website development
 - IARPC Secretariat Staff funding

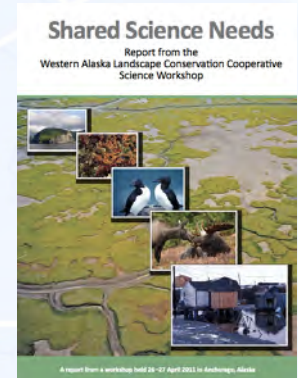


- **Logistics Workshop**
 - October 2013

Community Science Planning (IV)

- **Western Alaska Landscape Conservation Cooperative**

- Final report: "Shared Science Needs"
- Website, mailing list



- **National Park Service Symposium**

- NPS Southwest AK Park Science Symposium: follow-up meeting held December 2012



Information and Outreach (I)

- **ArcticInfo** – Over 7,000 subscribers (subscribers growing every year)
- **Witness the Arctic** – Online issues 3x/year
- **AGU Community Meeting Room** – Important venue for networking; 28 groups used room in 2012 with over 325 participants
- **Directory of Arctic Researchers** – Over 4,100 researchers in the directory; completed user survey fall 2012 (152 responses)



Information and Outreach (II)

- **Internet Media Archive** – Nearly 30,000 photos, video from meetings, logos; will integrate into overall website, database-driven
- **Arctic Calendar** – One-stop-shop for schedule of arctic meetings and events
- **Website** (includes all programs) – Portal to all activities and resources; over 580,000 page views/221,000 unique visitors in 2012; looking at design, structure, functionality



Education (I)

PolarTREC: Teachers and Researchers Exploring and Collaborating (2010-2014): advance polar science education

- Teachers travel with researchers and their team to polar field sites for 2-8 weeks
- **Program Activities** - More than field experience
 - Thorough Selection Process
 - Detailed Logistic Support
 - Substitute & Other Expenses Covered
 - Alumni Involvement
 - Pre\Post Expedition Travel Support
 - Long-term Access to Resources & Support



Education (II)

PolarTREC (continued)

- Examples of key outcomes (since 2007)
 - 138 teachers placed – 98 in the Arctic and 40 in Antarctica
 - Over 100 lesson plans developed and posted online
 - Over 50,000 participants have joined live events; 82% for the first time
 - Over 700,000 unique visitors and 2 million page views to www.polartrec.com since 2008
 - Partners include NASA, NOAA, USGS, BLM, NPS
- New proposal submitted to NSF



Education (III)

- **Arctic Visiting Speakers Series**
 - Each year, 8-10 tours reach several hundred audience members (elementary/middle/high school universities, the public)
- **Arctic Ocean Ecosystem Workshop**
 - Barrow, AK teachers, scientists, local residents
 - Online collection of education resources
- **AGU Exploration Station**
 - Public science outreach at Fall AGU
- **Polar Education Mailing List**



A Few Thoughts on the Future...

- Three large proposals pending:
 - New Cooperative Agreement (submitted Oct 2012)
 - SEARCH proposal (submitted Jan 2013)
 - PolarTREC proposal (submitted June 2013)
- Clarity in focus for the future – vision and mission
- Your ideas are always welcome



Thank You!

Questions?

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*Advancing understanding of the Arctic through
planning, coordination, education, and outreach*

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ARCUS Finance Presentation

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Year Ended
30 September 2012

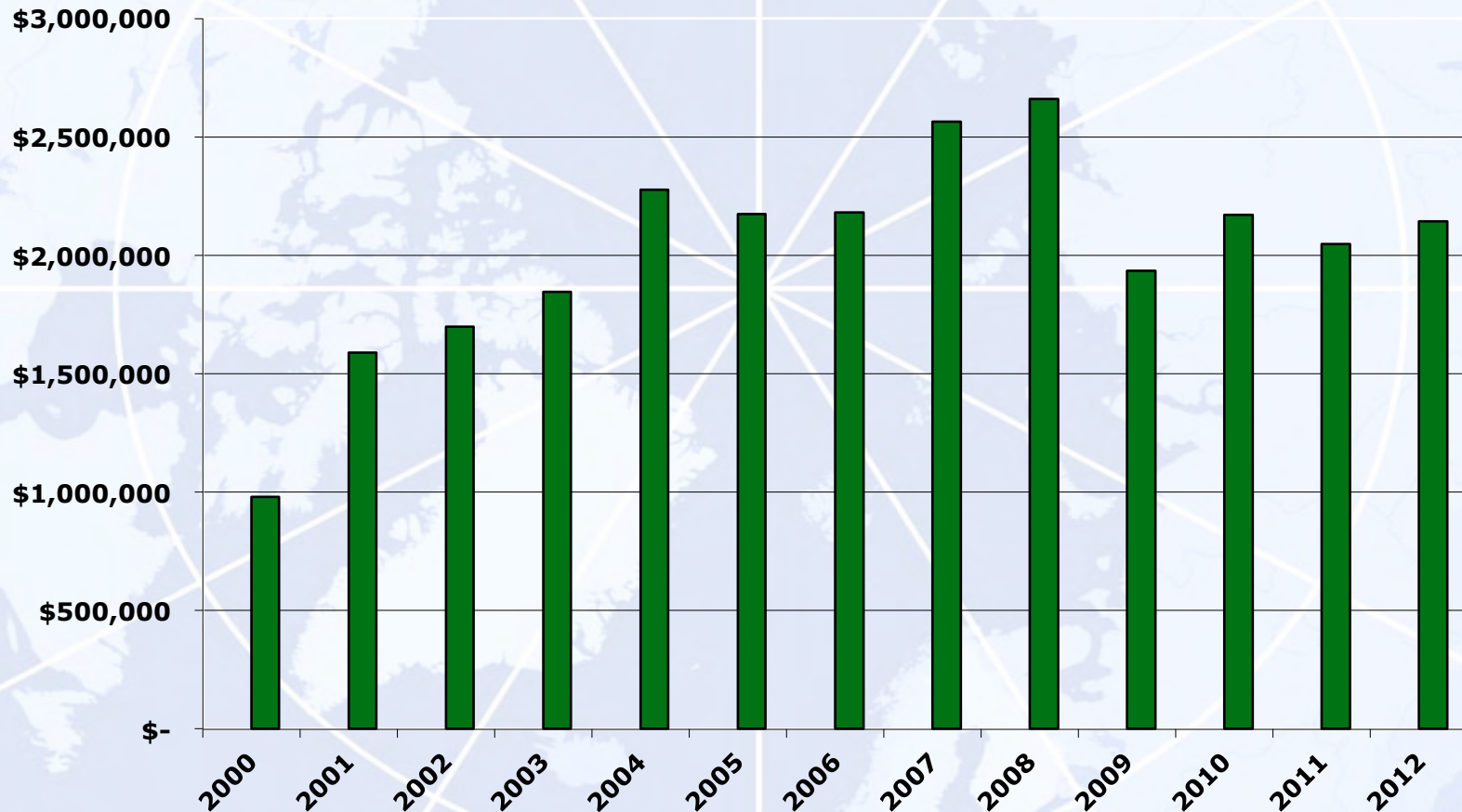
Accountability & Transparency

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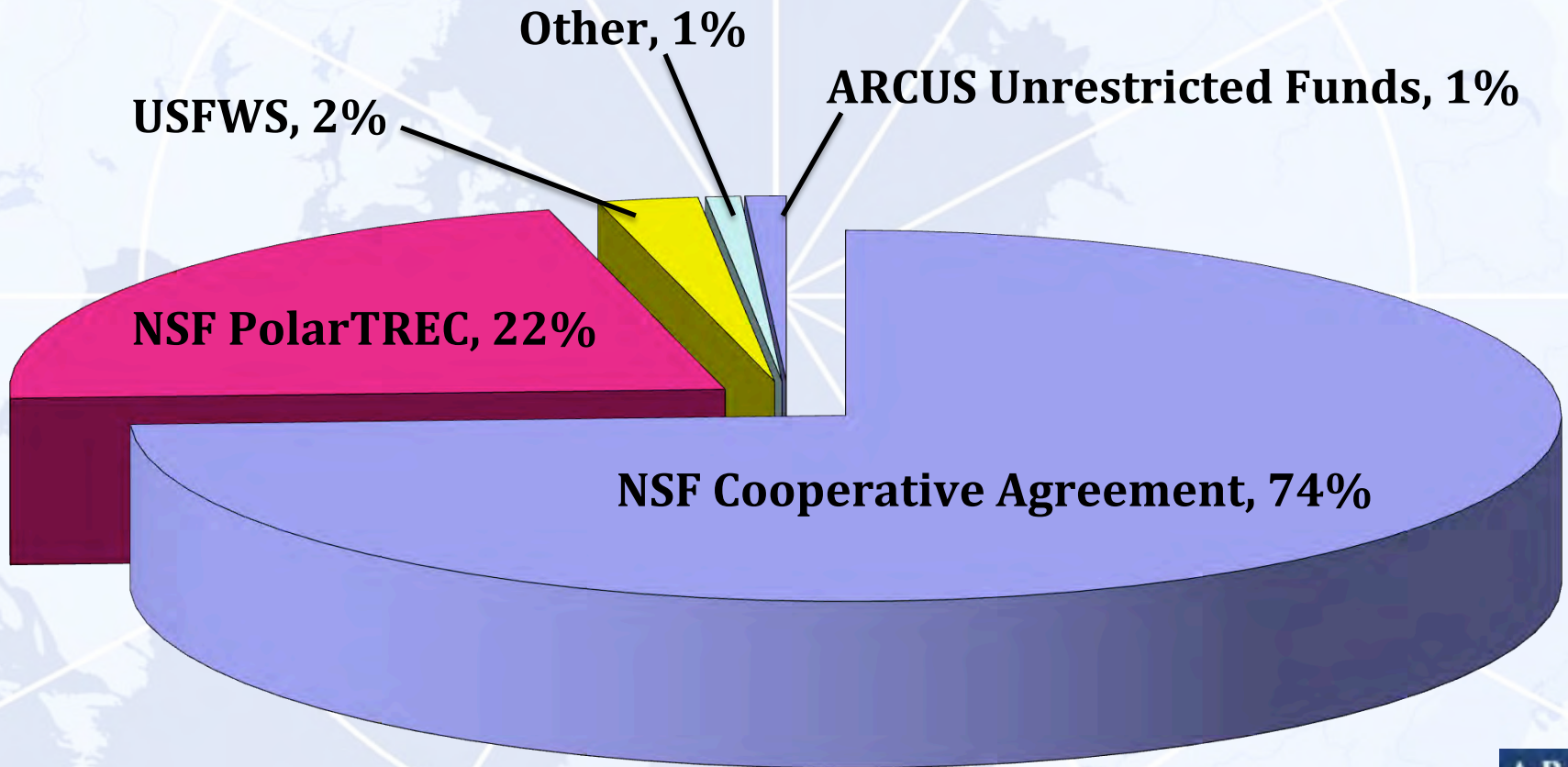
Historical Annual Revenues

2000-2012 (1 Oct - 30 Sept)



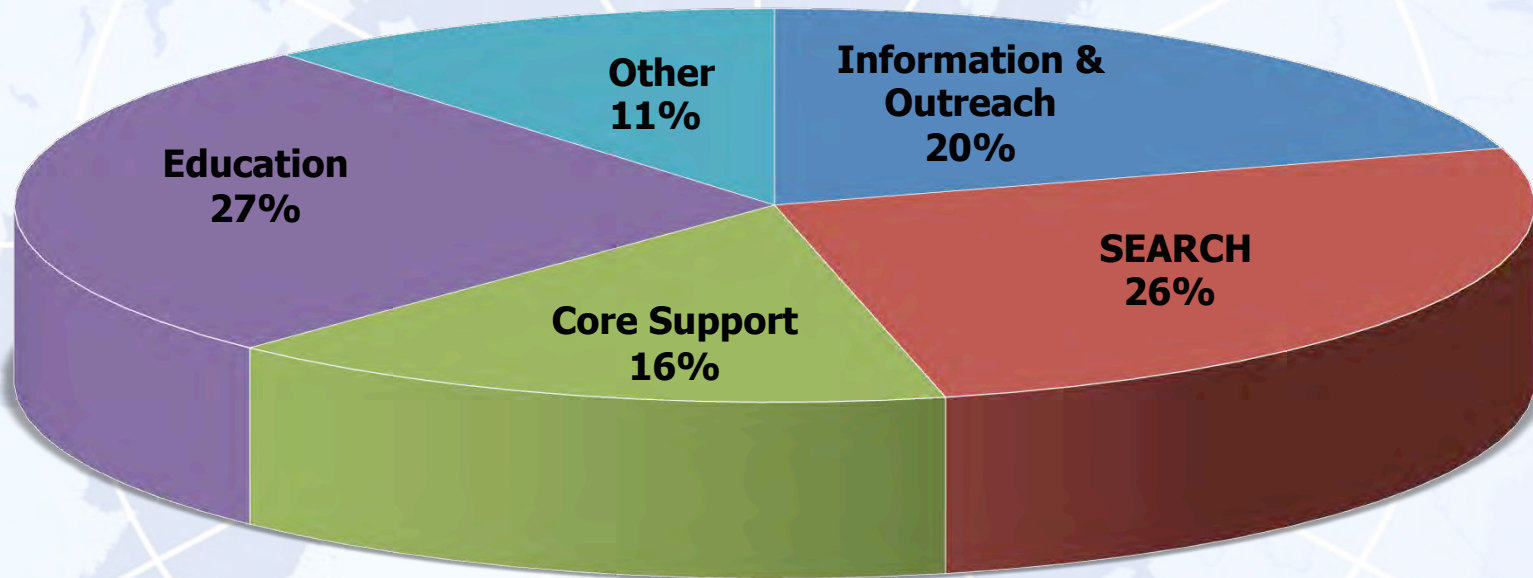
Revenue by Source

Oct 2011 – Sept 2012



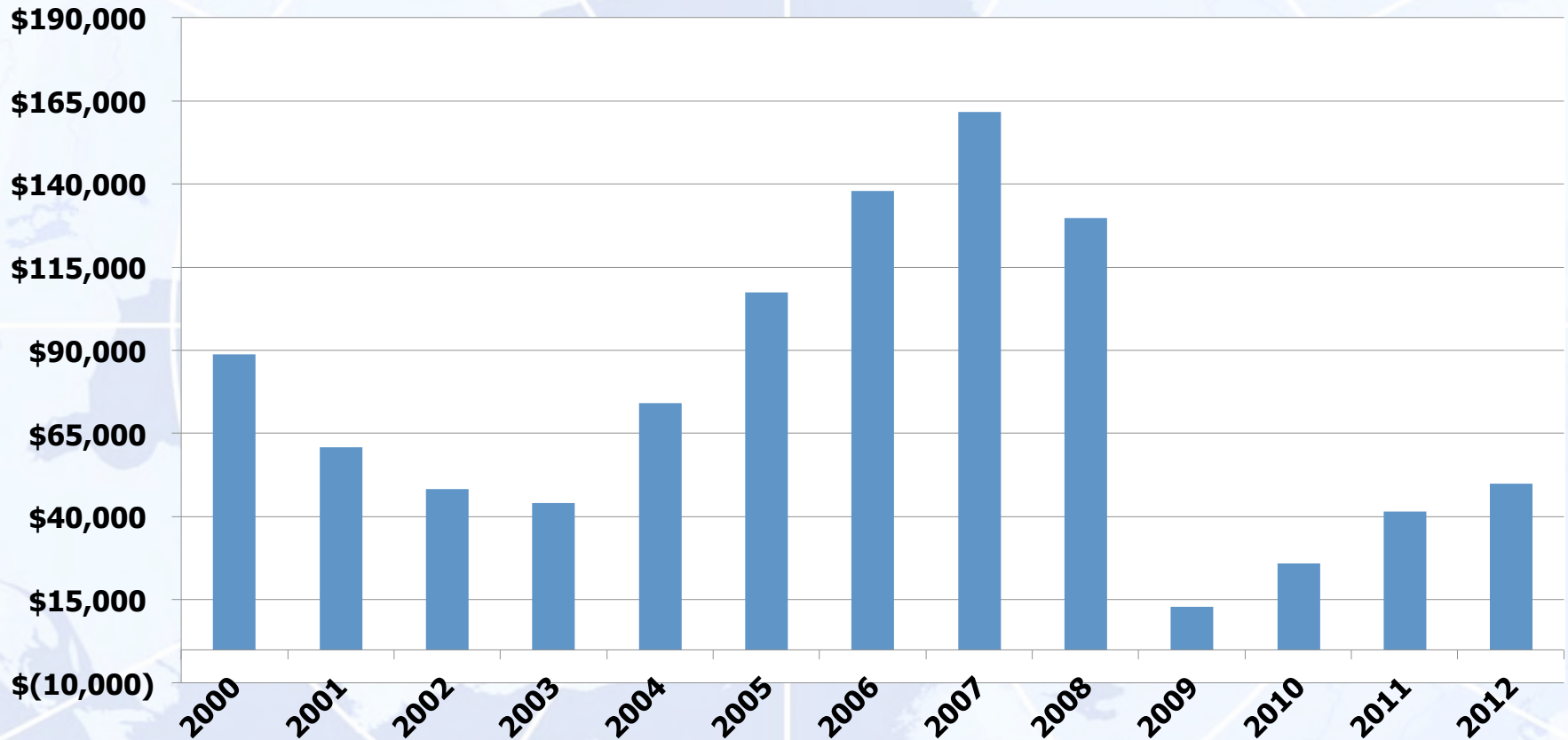
Direct Expenses by Project Type

All Sources (Oct 2011 – Sept 2012)



ARCUS Unrestricted Fund Balance

2000-2012 (1 Oct - 30 Sept)



Year Ended

30 September 2012

- NSF Cooperative Agreement
- NSF no-cost extension to 2/28/14
- PolarTREC
- Questions or Comments?



Discussion

We welcome your comments,
questions, suggestions and thoughts!



Thank You!



Kronebreen glacier, Svalbard, Norway. Photo by Jan-Gunnar Winther

