

Board announces appointments; receives partner updates at Annual Meeting

The CIRCAC Board of Directors held its annual meeting in Kenai on April 17, where it announced the reelection and reappointment of several board members, as well as appointments of public members to committees. The Council also honored Molly McCammon as its *Glen Glenzer Volunteer of the Year*, and recognized other members for their years of service to the Board.

Reappointed to the Board were Carla Stanley, representing the City of Homer; John Williams, representing the City of Kenai and Rob Lindsey, representing the City of Kodiak. Reelected to the Board were Paul Shadura, representing Commercial Fishing Organizations and Gary Fandrei, representing Aquaculture Associations. Click [here](#), to see the full list of committee members.

The Council received several updates from partners, including the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), Cook Inlet Spill Prevention and Response Inc. (CISPRI), and XTO Energy.

Gary Folley with ADEC gave an update on efforts to fund the Oil Spill Prevention Account through legislation, as well as the status of the consolidation and reorganization the Prevention and Emergency Response with the Industry Preparedness Programs. CIRCAC supported both the Senate and House Bills as a mechanism to fund vital ADEC activities.

Todd Paxton, CISPRI General Manager, spoke to the Board about their plans of providing crews on their large response vessels and shift away from contracting personnel. This will increase the amount of trained personnel available for oil spill response. Mr. Paxton also reported on the progress being made at the Sea Otter Recovery Center in Seldovia.

Scott Griffith with XTO informed the board that the company is utilizing best available technology to smart pig their subsea pipelines.

CIRCAC Science Director Sue Saupe provided an update and live demonstration of the Cook Inlet Response Tool. (You can read more about the CIRT in the April 22nd issue of the Peninsula Clarion, "Online tool aids spill response". A link to the story is included with this newsletter under "In the News".)

To download the complete board packet, click [here](#).