

**Meeting Notes 2023-09-06**  
1:00 pm –2:00 pm Zoom & Clark 201

*Present: Sheri White, Konrad Huguen, Andrew Ashton, Yessica Cancel, Christine Charette, Liz Maloney, Hannah Mark, Alison Markova, Natalie Nevárez, Dina Pandya, Dina Pandya, Lina Taenzer, Alicia Booker*

**Alicia Booker, Ombuds**

- Round-the-room introductions
- Intro from Alicia
  - As an Ombuds, she is: confidential, neutral, informal, independent
  - President of Intl. Ombuds Association
  - Can provide informal mediation, facilitated dialog, low-level training
  - She has worked in Higher Education for over 15 years
  - She will be reporting directly to PdM – only thematic analyses, not specific details
  - Meet quarterly with Ombuds Advisory Council (co-chairs of the WCC and CDEI)
  - Expected to visit WHOI sometime in October

**WHOI Activities Fair**

- Tue, Sept 19th (2:00 - 4:30) – DCOI Social Hub
  - WCC is now the main host
  - Need volunteers to help organize it, and staff our WCC table

**WCC Membership**

- Sheri will be stepping down as Co-chair soon... any suggestions for a new co-chair?
- Some WCC members will be rotating off... Andrew Ashton and Mike Brosnahan
- Seek nominations at Activities Fair, via Google Form, Headlines announcement, etc.
- Try to shift to calendar year schedule (i.e., bring on new members around January)

**Pulse Survey**

- July 24-31 completed; 192 respondents; NPS = -13
- Plots have been posted but responses not yet reviewed and summarized
- Add back in categories for what is working at WHOI to the September Pulse Survey (will be live Sept. 25-29)

**CommuniTea**

- Fall time-frame
- Topic ideas – jointly sponsor with Ombuds (Power Dynamics or Effective Communication)

**Updates**

Fieldwork Climate WG

- Cruise Feedback being piloted on a second cruise
- Will engage with Shawna Hunt on training

- NSF call for funding which could be used to get funding for training
- OSM'24 UNOLS/MERAS Town Hall – Gender Safety and Inclusivity at Sea

#### Mental Health WG

- No updates, will be at Activities Fair

#### Room Naming WG

- Working on G&G room
- MC&G room being worked on

#### Website

- Being updated – re-organized, resources for fieldwork climate added.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- WHOI Employee Appreciation – Wed, Sept 27th

Next Mtg. – Oct 6th, 2023