

The National COSEE Network

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Evolution of the National COSEE Network

- **Seven Centers and a Coordinating Office funded in 2002.**
- **National COSEE Council (NCC) formed in 2003 to serve as a collaborative governing structure for the Network. Guided by a National Advisory Committee (NAC).**
- **New Central Coordinating Office (now the National COSEE Office) funded in 2008. Reorganized the NAC, redesigned the Network's web presence, and instituted a distributed leadership model.**



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COSEE has grown into one of the nation's most comprehensive ocean science and education networks with over 270 current partners:

- > 113 Universities and Research Institutions**
- 4 Community Colleges**
- 26 School Districts**
- >80 Informal Science Institutions**
- > 50 Local, State, and Federal Agencies**
- > 2000 Network Members**





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National COSEE Network Operations and Governance

- **The National COSEE Office (NCO) serves as the hub of the Network, coordinating all Network activities and providing leadership.**
- **The NCO facilitates national meetings, manages Network's on-line presence, coordinates the National Advisory Committee, provides guidance and support to Centers and Network Working Groups, and establishes and builds Network partnerships.**



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National COSEE Network Operations and Governance

- **The Network is governed by a Council (NCC) that makes major Network decisions.**
- **Network activities are supported by working groups chaired by NCC members.**

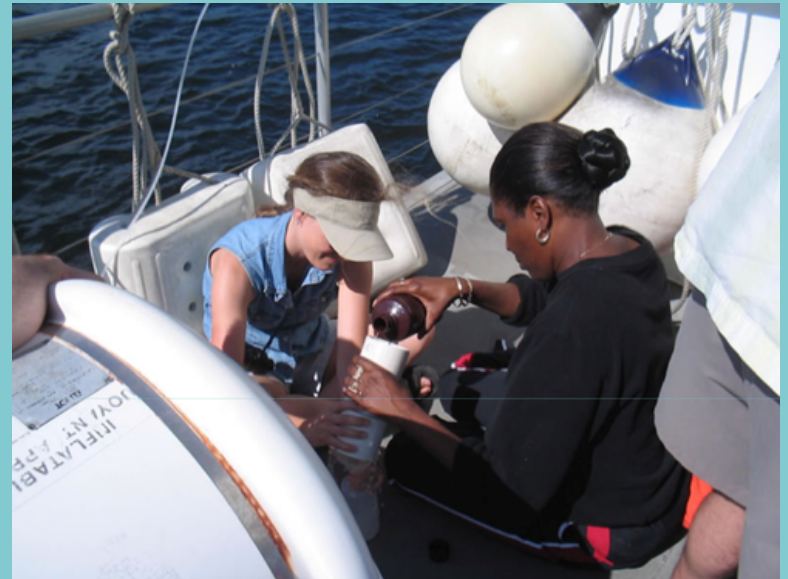
Benefits of the National COSEE Network

- COSEE has become a trusted community resource for achieving broader impacts.
- Collaboration across the Network has led to the establishment of communities of practice.
- Centers have developed innovative tools and methods and shared them across the Network and beyond.



Examples of COSEE National Network Impacts

- Elevated ocean sciences in the science education enterprise.
- Developed innovative strategies for broadening participation in the ocean sciences.
- Leveraged local, regional, and national partnerships to build national ocean sciences education capacity and create a more cohesive national presence for ocean sciences.



Potential for the COSEE Network's Future

- Bringing the relevance of ocean sciences research to the lives of U.S. citizens
- Working with the Ocean Observing Initiative and Inner Space Center communities to integrate their research into activities that reach broad and diverse audiences
- Integrating ocean sciences with advancements in learning sciences research.

