



## Caribbean Regional Association for the Caribbean Integrated Coastal Ocean Observing System

### First GENERAL ASSEMBLY Hotel Caribe Hilton Dec 4 2007 Minutes

Mr. Alexis Molinares, CaRA Facilitator opened the General Assembly presenting the agenda (see attached copy of agenda).

Francis Torres, CaRA Legal Counsel, discussed the various possible governance options providing examples from other sister RA's and criteria used during the development of the CaRA project to arrive at the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) model proposed. Subsequently he discussed highlights of the MOA as signed.

Prof. Roy Watlington, CaRA Co-Principal Investigator, presented the report of the Membership and Nominations Committee. He stressed that in its deliberations the Committee strove to achieve a balance between the various societal sectors and between data providers and data users (see attached copy of the Committee Report).

Alexis Molinares presided over the process of nominations and election to the Stakeholder Council. Ernesto Diaz, seconded by Scott Glenn, moved for acceptance of the slate presented by the nominations committee. There being no opposition, the Council composition was accepted as proposed.

The Assembly adjourned.