

Polar Research Board Spring Meeting (Virtual)

April 16, 2026

OPEN SESSION

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 | 2:30 PM – 3:50 PM EDT

Meeting Purpose

- Updates from U.S. National Committees, IASC and SCAR
- Briefings from the U.S. Arctic Observing Network and NSF Office of Polar Programs

- 2:30 PM** **International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) Updates (20min)**
Matthew Druckenmiller, Lead Delegate to IASC, National Snow and Ice Data Center
Andrey Petrov, Alternate Delegate to IASC, University of Northern Iowa
- 2:50 PM** **Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) Updates**
Allan Weatherwax, Lead Delegate to SCAR, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 3:10 PM** **Briefing on U.S. Arctic Observing Network**
Hazel Shapiro, U.S. Arctic Observing Network and the Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee
- 3:30 PM** **National Science Foundation Office of Polar Programs Briefing**
Jean Cotton Allen, Director, Office of Polar Programs
- 3:50 PM** **Adjourn Open Session**