LTER Executive Board videoteleconference

July 30, 2013

Members present: Blair, Boose, Gaiser, Pockman, Spivey, Peters, Ohman, Shaver, Rosi-Marshall, Waide

1. Minutes of the meeting of 5-14-13 were approved without change

2. There was a discussion of a possible meeting at ESA in Minneapolis, but since only five members would be present, this idea was tabled.

3. Bob Waide gave a brief update on the committee charged with providing community input to NSF on the re-visioning of the LTER Network Office. Members of this committee include Diana McKnight (Chair), Margaret Palmer, Aaron Ellison, Lindsey Rustad, Christine Goodale, and Ann Zimmerman. Funding for the project is still pending at NSF, so the meeting scheduled for ESA will be the last activity for a while.

4. Bob Waide gave an overview of the funding situation at the LNO. NSF has determined that part of the FY-14 increment for the LNO will be held back because they feel that spending has been too slow. Saran Twombly indicated that the funds will remain in the program, and suggested that LTER could access these funds through an independent proposal. The EB agreed to act as a committee of the whole to scope potential topics for such a proposal, but asked Waide to determine when a proposal would be due and when would funds have to be spent.

5. EB adjourned.