

LTER Executive Board Meeting Notes

June 20, 2018

- Executive Board Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3xT0TaiQmt0TkQxOVNhMGh0Tk?usp=sharing>
- Executive Board Zoom Link: <https://ucsb.zoom.us/j/706470284> or Telephone: US: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 (Meeting ID: 706 470 284)

Attending:

Name	Present	Absent
Peter Groffman (chair)	x	
Diane McKnight (chair-elect)		x
Ken Dunton (BLE)	x	
Sally Holbrook (MCR)	x	
Michelle Mack (BNZ)	x	
Oscar Schofield (PAL)	x	
Eric Seabloom (CDR)	x	
Emily Stanley (NTL)	x	
Katie Suding (NWT)	x	
Jess Zimmerman (LUQ)		x
Kari O'Connell (EOC-rep)	x	
Dan Bahauddin (IMC-rep)	x	
Frank Davis (NCO)		x (traveling)
Marty Downs (NCO)	x	
Corinna Gries (EDI)	x	

Agenda and Notes

Approve [Notes from prior Executive Board Meeting](#).

Agenda for June 20

1. Site renewals

- a. Renewed: CDR, HFR, CAP, LUQ, SBC, VCR, KBS, GCE
- b. On probation: JRN, FCE,
- c. Terminated: BES. Ramp-down award timing/content is unclear. Don't have reviews yet.

The process for site renewal is likely to be raised as part of the 40 year review. The last few years have been pretty tumultuous with changes at NSF and changes in the way the panels are operated.

Do we have some recommendations or questions for the 40th year review committee?

We need more clarification about the key factors that lead to probation and termination, e.g., productivity, conceptual models. It's a tension that we need to address head on.

2. Science Council Meeting-Structure and Function

- What kinds of synthesis activities do we want to do at the SC meeting?
- What is the balance between synthesis and business time?
- What is the balance between time with and time without NSF?
- How to facilitate communication about (or attention to) the things that the LNCO and EDI are doing.
- Theme and location for 2019 Science Council Meeting

Discussion (assorted comments from the EB):

- This year, we completed the 5 core areas, the sites gave lightning presentations, we had breakout discussions--which are producing synthesis products but not as quickly as we'd like.
- Last year we got a sense that people are tired of that.
- We have tried to find a balance between synthesis and business time. We shrunk the business time a few years ago, but maybe LTER mechanics is getting short shrift.
- I really enjoyed the lightning talk overviews, but am frustrated that we don't have enough time to discuss what we are hearing and look at integration across sites.
- I would have appreciated more time to draw threads between these bites of information.
- What are we thinking about ecosystem processes and the core themes? Especially, what are the new sites thinking?
- Maybe we could focus on the 40 year review and making sure we are ahead of the game and know what that messaging needs.
- I liked the model where there was science going on in parallel with PI discussion.
- How much time do we want with and without NSF?
- What about the idea of having people submit proposals to organize the synthesis? Should we solicit proposals for people who would like to use that time?
- One thing that is unique is that all the PIs are there. How can we take best advantage of that?
- How can we learn from each other? I'd like to learn, for instance, how other sites base their conceptual model. Maybe most sites do 5 minute talks, but some group of sites gets expanded attention.
- We need more business time. Do we need to move the business meeting to the day before or after the meeting? OBFS does something that's more casual. You write topics that you are interested in on tent cards and chat over lunch or dinner. It's an opportunity to organize it just a little more.
- Are the Executive Board Meeting and the Business Meeting redundant?
- If we had electronic voting, could we take some of that time out of the meeting?
- We ended up not taking time out of the business meeting to meet without EDI and NCO. The sites need some of that time.
- Balance of time with and without NSF? Many liked having some time without them. Maybe we could have PI's only at the end of day 1. Or a PI-only dinner with table topics?
- Where is 2019? Luquillo.

3. ASM planning update

- 80 workshop proposals received (many for the 180-minute time slots).
- Plenary speakers confirmed.
- Invitations distributed. Open registration starts June 25.

- Alda Center and Entering Mentoring workshops confirmed.
- REUs at ASM -- supplement request approved.
- Do we have enough communications/education and IM type workshops? Definitely.

4. Report from sexual harassment subcommittee on plans for next steps

- First step -- add some guidelines to website guidelines, including sample letters to title IX, risk management departments