

LTER Executive Committee Meeting
Snowbird ASM
8/1/00

Participants: Gosz, Sprott, Waide, Vande Castle, Brunt, Porter, Shaver, Robertson, Kratz, French, Burke

1. Discussed and approved agenda for CC meeting, including:
 - Oxford book status
 - ILTER
 - MOU from Forest Service

2. Discussed agenda for ASM Town Meeting
What do we want out of this meeting?
 - opportunity for something to come out of woodwork
 - want folks with new take to speak up
 - decided to prepare some questions to stimulate discussion, e.g.,
 - How can we facilitate synthesis/cross site?
 - How can we build on the results of this meeting?
 - How can we improve cross-site response?
 - How can we benefit from ILTER activities?
 - How is NIS interacting with larger information management issues?

3. Preliminary agency planning meeting
 - meeting on Thursday to discuss cross agency activities
 - planning strategy for subsequent meetings
 - participation of Exec

4. 20 year review
 - nothing from NSF yet
 - did not like preliminary list of names
 - need ad hoc committee to address what NSF comes up with
 - what do we want to present to them beyond site science?
 - 1) biodiversity
 - 2) NPP
 - 3) regionalization
 - 4) ID leaders in thematic regions
 - 5) other cross site and synthesis activities that include non-LTER sites
 - key issue on review is NEON - if Scott takes that on a new NSF program officer (probably rotator Henry Gholz) is likely to be responsible for the review
 - structure likely to be set by review group
 - likely to know more on NEON by Sept-Oct.
 - need to get more info (both from NSF and sites) to prepare for review
 - better ideas on timing would help

5. Next NAB Date
 - proposed annual meetings
 - 1) could have in DC with EXEC
 - 2) could also be with CC in spring
 - NAB functions
 - 1) advice on
 - a) Network Level Activities

b) Network Office Activities

6. Prioritization

- what needs to be prioritized?
- how do we prioritize NET and Network activities?
- CC will list prioritization plan for NET
- how do we address changing process and science issues?
- neither Exec nor the CC is well set up to address science issues
- priorities come from intellectual goals
- need to refresh mission statement etc.
- maybe we need to do our OWN 20-year review
 - a) intensive CC meeting - 3 days
 - b) lead PI meeting with facilitator?
 - c) history
- white paper would not be a bad idea.
- we have done vision statements, these could go into strategic plan

7. Could have sites review NET

- CC reviews report from NET?
- need mechanism for feedback on NET operations
- could ask NAB to query sites; want independent feedback
- CC could review NET annual report to NSF

8. Timeline

- based on needing NAB evaluation prior to 20-year review
- need small, committed group - lead PIs
- need straw man document
- joint EXEC & Scientific Initiatives Committee draft for NAB in spring then on to CC?
- have EXEC this fall in Nov-Dec. with NAB
- schedule
 - 1) Fall 2000 - EXEC and CoSI meet to develop draft document
 - 2) Straw man sent to CC for review electronically
 - 3) February EXEC meets with NAB
 - 4) April CC
- shooting for fresh look at priorities
- Question: embed NET Office priorities in this process?
 - yes, but only if can be done in timely fashion, NET needs to make response to NSF review team
- refresh intellectual aims of LTER; Shaver will chair committee on pulling together starting 10 November

9. Program Committee for next All-Scientists Meeting

- need to be proactive
- EXEC should keep eyes peeled for good ideas

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