

May 1, 2009 Report of the Climate Committee
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OUTLINE

The New Climate Committee
Modernization of the Climate Committee: Roster of Members as of May 1, 2009
Organization of the Climate Committee
 Committee of the whole
 Definition of cross-site interest sectors
 Establish an executive committee
Suggested Activities

The New Climate Committee

The Climate Committee has a long history of productivity in service to the network. My goal is to resume the path of high productivity.

Doug Goodin stepped down as Chair of the LTER Climate Committee following the consuming process of completing and publishing the Oxford Press book "Climate Variability and Ecosystem Response at Long-Term Ecological Research Sites". As a final duty, Doug prepared a report on the activities of the Climate Committee and charted a path forward. Doug will continue as a regular member of the Committee and has volunteered to lead a climate/grasslands cross-site interest sector within the Climate Committee and to serve as an executive committee member.

Doug offered three major recommendations:

The committee chair should not serve such a long term in office.

At the 2006 All-scientist meeting it was recommended that the climate committee formally include the cross-site interest sector: hydrology.

The current system of committee membership is impractical and inefficient and that some form of executive committee should be established.

I agree that these changes have merit and should be acted upon.

Response to Goodin recommendation #1 I propose that the chair be willing to serve for perhaps 6 years, the normal length of site proposal renewal. One of the duties of the chair is to seek out and nominate an excellent replacement.

Response to Goodin recommendation #2 Cross-site interest sectors within the Climate Committee such as Hydrology/Limnology should be established to make the operation of the committee more efficient. I propose several such cross-site interest sectors within the Climate Committee:

- Hydrology/Limnology
- Polar
- Arid Lands
- Grasslands
- Forests
- Coastal/Marine
- Urban

Response to Goodin recommendation #3 I suggest that the leaders of each of the committee's interest sectors constitute an executive committee.

The Goodin report may be found at <http://intranet.lternet.edu/modules.php?name=UpDownload&req=viewsdownload&sid=3>

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Committee Working Structure: Interest Sectors and Leaders

It was clear from the Goodin report that there have emerged interest sectors within the climate committee. Hydrology was mentioned as example of such an internal climate related interest sector. Interest sectors identified so far with a start up leadership (in parentheses) include: Hydrology/Limnology, Polar, Arid Lands, Grasslands, Forests. Coastal/Marine and Urban. I propose that Climate Committee members lead these interest areas and serve on an executive committee on behalf of the whole. In this way the executive committee is thematically diverse. Doug Goodin has volunteered to serve as an organizer for the Grasslands and serve as an executive committee member. I propose leaders for the other thematic areas as follows:

Hydrology/Limnology (John Magnuson, NTL)

Polar (John Hobbie, ARC)
Arid Lands (Doug Moore, SEV)
Grasslands (Doug Goodin, KNZ)
Forests (Emery Boose, HFR)
Coastal/Marine (Chuck Hokinson, PIE)
Urban (Gordon Heisler, BES)

The first act of those holding these penultimate appointments is to either accept the appointment or help find a replacement for the same interest area. The leaders of the several climate interest sectors will form the membership of an executive committee. It should be noted that at least two of the climate committee members have strong ties to the IM group and will facilitate cooperation between the climate and IM groups.

Activities of the Climate Committee: An Agenda

Suggested Activities

Network News Contributions
Preparation for the 2009 ASM
Update ClimDB and HydroDB
Update "A Climatic Analysis of Long-Term Ecological Research Sites"
Planning for a second Oxford Book from the Climate committee
Planning for ULTRA