

High School Commitment from LTER - Needs to be go/nogo

International LTER - need logistics finalized.

Federal National Geographic Committee - protocols for government agencies - LTER needs to be able to mess with this - Nancy Tosta - should be included in datamanagement meeting.

Mary would like the NET review on Friday AFTER datamanagement meeting - Jerry is booked.

Jim Gosz wants a copy of the current metadata and data management protocols that the LTER datamanagers have developed. This is to share with the Smithsonian group- Rudolf.

Phone Conference:

Tim Seatadt

Bruce Hayden

John Hobbie

Kay Gross

Caroline Bledsoe

Jerry kept specific notes on minor corrections to the

Bruce said the future chair needs to be "recruitable". John Hobbie suggested there be somebody - Jerry agreed to do it - a pre-sort of candidates. There will be a phone conference of who we want to proceed with - this done by the end of July. The initial call for people will go out to the LTER pi's and Jane Lubchenko has agreed to act as outside participant. The exec suggested the call for nominations be expanded to perhaps LTREBs and/or LMER pi's.

Progress in getting on-line data access was discussed. Fred indicated concern on having a framework. Kay Gross suggested an issue of data copyright. Fred mentioned that publications cannot be copyrighted by federal employees. John Hobbie mentioned that NSF standards on NSF funded activities say that publications, video, databases etc can be copyrighted. Kay mentioned that use of data by others for profit may be an issue. Jerry suggested Rudolf contact Kay that this be included in the issues of publications. John Hobbie said that there needs to be something started. John Hobbie said he would fax information on this to NET for distribution. Bruce mentioned that their site was criticized for lack of on-line datasets - even though they thought they were doing well in this regard. Bruce and Rudolf are putting some generic data on-line. However site data need to be on-line and organized. This will be put on the agenda for the CWT CC meeting. Caroline suggested intersite research be used as another means of putting datasets on-line.

Agenda Items for CWT :

LMER (4) site reps will be invited.

Caroline was charged with forming a structure for accession numbers - working with the datamanagement.

Synthesis Center update.

Seastadt's replacement vote.

International Programs agenda - work at the site level vs Network level - easy at site level

in electronic/Mosaic world, not so at the program level.

High school involvement - Jim Gosz would like to know the level of interest - At the D.C. CC meeting, a link to a teacher taking the responsibility is the key, although both Bruce and John mentioned the lack of time during the field season. Tim said that their REU program did this. The consensus was that we move forward as well as teacher link is there and sites would move forward as much as they feel comfortable. Jerry would pole the sites to see which ones want to be committed.

Items for NET coop agreement:

Committees: - resources available, minimum level to have a meeting, have some mechanism for workshops and presence at CC meetings. Perhaps sufficient money for half of the committees to have workshops.

Meetings: EXEC, CC, Standing Committees

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Kay suggested emphasizing the science

Conducting International affairs: travel and exchanges?, publications

Congressional activities: Bruce Hayden. This probably links with Jim Gosz's request for LTER "nuggets" to be used as examples of what is produced for the money spent on LTER.

Jim Gosz suggested NET have funds for flexible datamanagement activities.

NET to take a major role in working with groups such as LTREBs - setting up servers or whatever so that data is accessible, especially once funding ends. This would be an item in the Coop agreement.

International oversight coordination - perhaps using bibliographic model (Caroline) to use with international activities - online, continually updated registry. NET to act to coordinating this activity to improve efficiency.

Detailed personnel plan - descriptions of responsibility for the

New assessment of the technologies

Look into future needs, new technologies. For instance "LEWIS and CLARK" satellites that are cheap and new technology.

Assessment of infrastructure of LTERs provided by other agencies - what the total investment that exists at the sites. NET to coordinate and communicate this.

NET to coordinate and stimulate interagency - playing a catalytic role for MOU's etc - this would be an expanded activity of NET.

Attention to interagency protocols, global change, geographic data etc - NET paying attention to this.

Address as need to modern progressive approaches to research collections, in general. This could be link to the datamanagement committee. NET would define the issues, play a catalytic role. Work towards standards and protocols, perhaps as leadership role, but at least so the LTER doesn't move off in separate direction from the rest of the community.

Discussion of how to proceed on the NASA involvement finalized on having the committee of Steve Running, Warren Cohen, Carol Wessman, John Aber and John Vande Castle - to have a meeting and make an assessment, getting information back to the pis and those involved. JVC perhaps to meet with Warren on June 28 at HJA.

Biodiversity Information Center - NET could act as link for communication to LTER programs etc.

Link to LMER's is a common theme.

Jim Edwards wants to visit NET on Sept 17 - he will be at Lee Hood STC review. He is meeting to meet with any UW upper level people that we think would be important.

Mary Barber is new SBI director