

All Scientists Meeting 2003



What to decide:

- **Date**
- **Venue**
- **Program committee**
- **Format**
- **Duration**
- **Cost analysis**
- **Alone or with another group**



One alternative



The **Association of
American Geographers**

March 4-8, 2003

New Orleans, Louisiana



Hachero•Hill will provide the following services for the LTER All Scientists Meeting:

1. Logistics Management
2. Publications Management
3. Development of Logistics Project Schedule
4. Registration
5. Site Selection by LTER.

All conference services, including, but not limited to: audio-visual; food/beverage; facility selection; social arrangements; signage, registration stock; registration procedures; and exhibits arrangements will be approved by LTER



Upside



- **Interaction with AAG**
- **Joint symposium relating social sciences and ecology**
- **Possible linkage with biocomplexity projects**
- **Share conference organizer**
- **NSF/SBE interest in promoting joint meeting**



Downside

- **Hotel is booked after AAG; would need to use hotel one mile away**
- **Cost of conference organizer around \$60K**
- **First hotel proposal quotes \$199 for a double room**
- **Not insurmountable problems, but not ideal**



We must decide

Upscale meeting with other group

vs.

**Stand alone meeting where we
control costs**



Recommendations

- **Dates – September-October 2003**
- **Venue**
 - **Default is YMCA of the Rockies**
 - **Alternatives include:**
 - **Anchorage**
 - **Southern Florida**
 - **Santa Fe**



Recommendations (cont.)

- **Duration**

- Four days over a weekend

- **Format**

- Similar to Snowbird with an emphasis on products and with more unstructured time
- Possible elements for program
- - Description of research at new sites (coastal and urban);
- - Plenary talks could focus on themes common to new sites (e.g., coastal, urban, social science, technology)

Possible daily formats

- - Plenary, plenary, free, lunch, working groups
- - Plenary, working group, lunch, plenary, working group, free



Recommendations (cont.)

- **Program Committee**
 - **Waide and Michener**
 - **Grad student co-chairs**
- **Cost analysis**
 - **Rough costs (\$200K from DEB, OCE, HER, OPP; \$125K from INT; \$25K = symposium from SBE)**
 - **Will need a supplement proposal by end of April**
 - **We need to do a real cost analysis before the CC meeting**



What about 2006 and 2009?

