

LTER Executive Board Agenda 16 April 2013
12:00PM-2:00PM EDT
Conference Call

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM EDT by Chair Scott Collins; Members attending: Dan Childers, John Blair, Emery Boose, John Moore, Evelyn Gaiser, Bob Waide, Mark Ohman, Mary Spivey, Gus Shaver, Steve Hamilton, Karen McGlathery,
Also attending: Matt Kane
Not attending: Emily Stanley

1. Approval of minutes of the 27 Feb-1 March EB meeting

The minutes were amended based on changes suggested by Emery Boose, Mark Ohman, and Gus Shaver. Shaver moved that we accept the changes and amendments. Hamilton seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously accepted as amended. The discussion then focused on the need for the EB to present these options to the SC. Ohman moved that the EB recommend to the SC that the LTER Network implement the flexible approach to data access being built into the NIS. Shaver seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Report from NSF – Matt Kane

Overall NSF is still there. The President likes NSF and asked Congress to give them an ~8% increase over FY13 in the FY14 budget. With the ~2% decrease in FY13 due to sequestration this would result in an overall 10% increase for NSF over FY13. Supplements are unlikely for this year as a consequence of sequestration. However, DEB does not yet have its final FY13 budget. Saran and Dave and Matt are busy finalizing plans for the site visits. Saran has a draft for the solicitation for renewal proposals so that should be moving forward. This draft contains the changes that we have discussed in previous meetings. In particular, the new solicitation will de-emphasize the role of site visit reports in renewal proposals. Matt and Saran will be coming to SC meeting hopefully in time for discussions on Tues afternoon. Matt is going on sabbatical. The EB asked if any LNO workshops have been scheduled? Not yet. A small organizing committee has been appointed. If Diane McKnight and/or Tim Kratz attend the SC meeting, we should consider having a feedback session during the SC meeting about LNO 2.0.

3. Agendas for the May 2013 EB and SC Meetings in Las Cruces

Science council agenda is more or less set. All seven invited plenary speakers are lined up and are submitting titles that will be distributed soon. They basic structure of the SC meeting will be as follows: EB will meet all day on 14 May. SC will start at 8AM on May 15 with a 90 minute closed session to discuss general LTER topics followed by a 30-minute session with NSF Program Directors. After a break we will have 2 plenary presentations. We will then be given box lunches and head to the Jornada for the afternoon field trip and evening cook out. . Thursday morning we will have 5 plenary presentations. Following lunch we will have breakout sessions on various topics related to international collaborations, LNO 2.0, diversity plan for LTER, strategizing about what makes LTER special, etc. The evening will include a

7. Other business

- There will be an acknowledgement of Jim Gosz contributions to the development of the ILTER at SC meeting in Las Cruces
- The upcoming diversity working group will focus primarily on undergraduate students at LTER sites. This effort will assist with the development of an overall network-wide diversity plan
- Bruce Hayden is retiring this semester and his long and many contributions to the LTER Network will be recognized at the SC meeting in Las Cruces
- A special issue in the journal Oceanography on coastal LTER sites will appear in Sept 2013.
- Blair suggested that another topic for discussion at the SC closed session might be on the changes in the reporting requirements by NSF and how those changes may affect the evaluation our sites.