

Notes from LTER Executive Board Meeting – February 15, 2016

Attending: Frank Davis, Charley Driscoll, Anne Giblin, Michael Goosef, Peter Groffman, Sherri Johnson, Margaret O'Brien, Kari O'Connell, Steve Pennings, Dan Reed,

Items discussed:

1. Approval of notes from previous meeting.
2. Science Council meeting – May 2016:
 - a. Logistics are organized.
 - b. Organizing committee is finalizing the agenda, sites need to decide just who will attend to support the science theme.
 - c. Moorea will do something to highlight work at their site, perhaps a video, or a “TED talk format.”
 - d. In place of a site field trip, the National Communications Office (NCO) considered scheduling cruise in the Santa Barbara Channel but was advised against it due to rough seas at that time of year. Instead, the agenda will include a 2-hour window of time for participants to walk in the Santa Barbara area.
 - e. We should allocate some time for a NIMO discussion, maybe 90 minutes.
3. National Information Management Office (NIMO) update:
 - a. Proposal submitted mid-January, response expected by mid-March. April 15 start date.
 - b. There are active efforts to develop synergies between NIMO and the NCO working groups. Corinna Gries will work with Mark Schildauer on this.
 - c. There are active efforts to determine how site Information Managers and individual sites will interact with NIMO.
 - d. The Information Management Committee annual meeting will also be in Santa Barbara this year, perhaps in late June.
 - e. There is an ongoing EAGER-funded effort that is thinking about LTER and other Information Management efforts larger context. This effort could help to inform what NIMO might evolve into.
 - f. Supplements have been provided to NCO, NIMO (Wisconsin) and the LNO (New Mexico) to facilitate transitions.
4. We need to establish a nominating committee for Chair of the LTER Science Council as Groffman's term ends in May 2017:
 - a. Groffman is willing to serve a second term so this committee needs to determine if anyone wants to run.
 - b. Phil Robertson has agreed to be chair and Emma Rosi-Marshall, Alan Knapp and Mark Ohman have agreed to serve on the committee.
5. By-laws revisions:
 - a. The Executive Board has begun to work through the revisions proposed by Frank Davis back in November 2015. We got about half way through at this meeting and will continue in March
6. Agenda items for next meeting:
 - a. Approval of notes from previous meeting

- b. Update on Science Council meeting planning.
- c. Questions for NSF:
 - i. Saran retirement, transition to new program officer
 - ii. Minisymposium/visits to DC.
 - iii. Compensation for the LTER chair.
- d. NIMO update.
- e. By-laws revisions (continued)
- f. National Advisory Board
- g. Review of LTER network committees