

## Notes from meeting of Long Term Ecological Research (LTER) network Executive Board (EB) – November 29, 2016

Attending: Frank Davis, Marty Downs, Charley Driscoll, Anne Giblin, Mike Goosef, Peter Groffman, Sally Hollbrook, Sherri Johnson, Kari O'Connell, Steven Pennings, Dan Reed, Eric Seabloom, Wade Sheldon

### Items discussed

1. Approval of notes from last meeting
2. We received an inquiry about LTER Information Management review criteria from Peter McCartney. This was motivated by the emergence of the new Environmental Data Initiative (EDI) and interactions with other networks. Wade Sheldon was able to provide him with the following:
  - LTER data policy; Data Access Policy: <https://lternet.edu/policies/data-access>
  - LTER IM Review Criteria: [http://intranet2.lternet.edu/sites/intranet2.lternet.edu/files/documents/Committee%20Documents/Information%20Management/LTER\\_IM\\_Review\\_Criteria\\_V1.1.pdf](http://intranet2.lternet.edu/sites/intranet2.lternet.edu/files/documents/Committee%20Documents/Information%20Management/LTER_IM_Review_Criteria_V1.1.pdf)
  - We have a new committee (led by Kristin Vanderbilt and John Porter) that is updating these documents.
3. Questions for NSF: Planning for discussion with NSF about expectations for LTER renewal proposals:
  - We are hoping to have a 90 minute internet-based meeting the week of January 17.
  - Our hope is to meet with just the NSF LTER Working Group. Discussions with others at NSF could follow if necessary.
4. Mini-symposium
  - Frank Davis and Marty Downs met with the NSF LTER Working Group today and they are close to finalizing the title and content.
  - All speakers are confirmed.
  - Hoping to get France Cordova and/or James Olds to introduce the program.
  - Thinking about a small poster session posters aimed at an NSF audience focused on a few good high profile, synthetic stories. These would be special posters prepared specifically for this event.
  - The event will include a panel discussion including participants from several federal agencies.
  - NSF likely can't support a lunch reception -- so we'll either have to come up with some other source of funding for that or forego it.
5. 2017 Science Council Meeting – week of May 15, 2017:
  - Theme will be “disturbance” with a focus on the use and value of long-term data for studying this.
  - Steering committee includes Frank Davis, Michael Nelson, Gary Lovett and Evelyn Gaiser.
  - Would be good to focus more on products than we have in the past. For example, the LTER National Communications Office might have some funds available for small synthesis follow up efforts. This would only happen if they realize some savings from the more fully funded synthesis working groups that they are funding.
  - A review of products from past meetings would be useful.

- It would be nice to involve more graduate students and postdocs. However, given funding and space constraints, this is difficult. Perhaps we should emphasize this as people select their second participant, but again, this is difficult as we often hope to engage current/immediate future site leaders for this.

#### 6. Update on Environmental Data Initiative (EDI):

- Kickoff meeting in September at the University of New Mexico addressed:
  - How to attract funding for partners, e.g. Organization of Biological Field Stations (OBFS) that could benefit from participating in EDI.
  - How to address LTER needs, especially for cyberinfrastructure.
  - Polled the LTER IM community on workshop priorities; first focus will likely be on a Data Management Code Library.
- Planning a meeting of EDI, DataOne, LNCO and a few others to have a “lay of the landscape” discussion about a broad vision for EDI. This would be a one day meeting in spring 2017, perhaps followed by another day or two with some outside people/potential partners.
- Governance of EDI is developing. Just what committees will contribute, how will the LTER EB be involved, how will the LTER IM community be involved.
- Working to find a way for the LTER IM community meet in 2017. The LNCO has some funds. Maybe piggyback on the ESA meeting in Portland or the ESIP meeting in Indiana.

#### 7. Items for discussion at future meetings:

- Planning for discussion with NSF about expectations for LTER renewal proposals
- Mini-symposium
- 2017 Science Council Meeting
- Update on Environmental Data Initiative
- By-laws
- National Advisory Committee
- New site orientation
- Institution contributions
- ILTER
- An integrated supplement plan
- Diversity statements