

ILTER Communications Committee Annual Report May, 2018

Committee Chairs: Julie Doll (KBS), Clarisse Hart (HFR)

Current membership:

- Lina Digregorio (AND)
- Marty Downs (NCO)
- Charley Driscoll (HBR)
- David Foster (HFR)
- Sarah Garlick (HBR)
- Peter Groffman (BES)
- Sam Norlin (NCO)
- Nick Oehm (FCE)
- Jonathan Walsh (BES)
- Kristen Weiss (NCO)

How is membership is determined:

Membership on the committee is voluntary, with an effort to have representation across roles (e.g., PIs, IMs, Education/Outreach Coordinators); Co-chairs are elected every 3 years.

Meeting frequency:

Quarterly via video conference

Major activities or accomplishments for the year:

Activities were limited this year as both co-chairs were on parental leave. The committee was able to provide feedback on various NCO products (website, site website guidelines, new logo, etc.).

Subcommittees or working groups:

- ASM preparation;
- 'ILTER stories' project; and
- organizing a community of practice with site communicators and those interested in science communication from across the Network

Planned activities for the coming year:

- Convene meeting of site reps at ASM;
- Build membership (particularly within the graduate student community);
- Work with NCO to publicize LTER 'stories' project and any outcomes from synthesis working groups, and
- Organize a couple of LTER-wide calls on communications issues.

Upcoming changes in leadership, purpose, or process:

Co-chair elections at the ASM during a business meeting.