

LTER Graduate Student Committee Annual Report May 2018

Committee Chair: Siddharth B. Iyengar, Cedar Creek LTER,
University of Minnesota - new leadership to be determined at the ASM 2018

Current Members: Being reviewed in lead up to ASM 2018

How membership is determined: Representatives determined/volunteered by
graduate students at each site

Meeting Frequency:

Not much in the past two years. Now hopefully monthly until the ASM.

Major activities or accomplishments for 2017-18:

Siddharth Iyengar and Paul Julian have been involved in the ASM Planning Committee, and in planning out a graduate student day. Committee hasn't met otherwise during the year.

Planned activities for the coming year:

Participation at ASM 2018

- Graduate student day for site representatives, focusing on community building within sites + Selection of new committee co-chairs and setting priorities for the group
- Mixers or specific sessions for graduate students to develop connections and collaborations

Further activities for the year to be decided by the meetings at the ASM, and the new leadership of the committee.

Upcoming changes in leadership, purpose or process:

Siddharth Iyengar will hand over leadership and whatever institutional knowledge to new co-chairs during and after ASM 2018, until the end of 2018. Shall be in touch with Marty Downs and Kristen Weiss about how to integrate activities with the NCO.