

LTER Executive Board Meeting Notes

November 27, 2018

- Executive Board Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B3xT0TaiQmt0TkQxOVNhMGh0Tkk?usp=sharing>
- Executive Board Zoom Link: <https://ucsb.zoom.us/j/706470284> or Telephone: US: +1 646 876 9923 or +1 669 900 6833 (Meeting ID: 706 470 284)

Attending:

Name	Present	Absent
Peter Groffman (chair)	x	
Diane McKnight (chair-elect)	x	
Ken Dunton (BLE)	x	
Sally Holbrook (MCR)	x	
Michelle Mack (BNZ)	x	
Oscar Schofield (PAL)	x	
Eric Seabloom (CDR)	x	
Emily Stanley (NTL)	x	
Katie Suding (NWT)		x
Jess Zimmerman (LUQ)	x	
Annette Brickley (EOC-rep)		x
Dan Bahauddin (IMC-rep)	x	
Frank Davis (NCO)		x
Marty Downs (NCO)	x	
Corinna Gries (EDI)	x	
David Foster		x

Agenda and Notes

September and October minutes approved.

Agenda

We decided the big when and what questions of the science council (week of May 13, focusing on the self-study), but still need to decide if we want (or have time for) an all-day EB meeting and how to keep the EB and Science Council meetings from feeling like repetitive. Also, do we want to offer any guidance about how PIs should choose their second attendee?

Discussion

The Science Council Meeting focused on 5 core themes over the past 5 years. We had some good scientific discussions and developed some products, but also have received feedback that there actually wasn't enough time to share management experience or do network business.

For 2019, we know that the location will be Luquillo and the focus will be the 40-year review.

How do we want to structure the meeting?

- People really get a lot out of the lightning talks. Perhaps we could focus them around the 40-year review somehow? Yes, assuming that works for the 40-year committee.
- It would be helpful to the PIs if there was significant overlap between what they have to prepare for the 40 year review and the lightning talks.
- What elements should be part of the meeting?
 - Executive Board Meeting? Maybe we don't need this -- or we can do it online before or after.
 - Site management is important and works best when there is some structure to the discussion. There are three new sites that would benefit from some networking and guidance. In 2017, three sites gave their perspectives on each of three different topics. Merryl Alber organized in 2017. Diane McKnight volunteered to organize this session for 2019.
 - Science Council Business Meeting
 - Lightning talks
 - Field trip
 - 40-year review
 - A session on conceptual models and overarching hypotheses for long-term research, organized as an academic discussion about the use and value of conceptual models. Those who have ideas for speakers should send them along.
- Leave second participant to the site PIs to decide.

Information Managers update

- Working groups from the All Scientists' Meeting (ASM) are moving forward, particularly groups on vocabulary and semantic issues.
- The committee has had some discussion of the 40-year review and what kind of input the Information Managers might provide, especially:
 - What makes a core dataset? Comparing and contrasting what's been done in the past.
 - The information managers would like to know how they should feed any thoughts they might have on metrics into the pipeline.

Environmental Data Initiative (EDI) update

- EDI grant ends at end of June. They don't yet have a solicitation yet, but are working on their proposal.
- The solicitation will be open competition, through the sustaining track for existing infrastructure, which also funds programs like Protein Databank, GenBank, and E-bird.
- EDI will have strong representation at the American Geophysical Union (AGU) meeting in December, including a data help desk with other data-focused organizations.

No meeting planned for December.

Diane McKnight is traveling to Antarctica in January. She leaves Antarctica on January 25th, so if we would like to discuss the role of the EB chair at the January meeting, it will need to be scheduled late in January or early February.

For January/February:

- What is the role of the Executive Board chair going forward?