

LTER Executive Board Meeting Notes

April 5, 2019

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The LTER Executive Board meets monthly. Agendas and minutes for current members are available on the [team google drive](#).

See the [Executive Board Committee page](#) for current membership and approved minutes of past meetings.

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 |
| Jonathan Thompson (HFR) | 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 | |

Agenda and Notes

Possible agenda items include:

1. 2019 Science Council Meeting:

- **Lead PI Meeting.** Diane McKnight volunteered to lead the Lead PI meeting and people liked the approach we took at Hubbard Brook a few years ago -- where there were a few specific topics identified and a few sites spoke on their approach to each.

- Some topics that we think would be useful to discuss include:
 - Conceptual models
 - Mid-term reviews
 - Managing budgets to maintain flexibility
 - How to manage your list of old and new PIs
 - But I don't think we have identified topics or speakers yet.

- **NSF participation:**
 - We will invite them to make a presentation at the beginning of the Science Council business meeting (Wednesday morning).
 - We will invite the NSF participants to attend all of the activities except for the lead PI meeting (Thursday morning).

- **Agenda:** Some items for the agenda:
 - Report from NSF
 - Report from the chair
 - LNCO update
 - EDI update
 - Committee reports:
 - Information Management
 - Education and Outreach
 - Others? (None planned at this time.)
 - Science Council meetings going forward:
 - 2020 meeting will be in Phoenix
 - What kinds of synthesis or science activities do we want to engage in going forward:
 - Information exchange in our expanded (more salty sites) network?
 - More formal (with funded follow up) synthesis activities similar to what we did over the past five years, but with more resources to facilitate production of products?
 - Less formal synthesis activities similar to what did over the past five years, but with less focus on products.
 - Invited speakers?
 - Should we have Science Council meetings at all? Would it be better to use the \$80 - 90K that we spend on this meeting on synthesis working groups or some other worthy activity.
 - Conceptual models for long-term ecological research. We could have a scientific discussion about this, but we might want to scope it out in the lead PI meeting first.
 - LTER proposals to the mid-scale infrastructure program. Should we establish an ad hoc committee to address this?