

LTR Executive Board Meeting Notes

August 7, 2019

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

Attending:

Name	Present	Absent	Minutes approved
Diane McKnight (chair)	x		
Ken Dunton (BLE)		in the field	
Nick Haddad (KBS)	x		NH
Jesse Nippert (KNZ)	x		
Oscar Schofield (PAL)		traveling	
Heidi Sosik (NES)	x		HS
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)		traveling	
Frank Davis (NCO)	x		
Marty Downs (NCO)	x		
Corinna Gries (EDI)	x		

Please note any concerns with minutes here or as a comment in the appropriate section:

Agenda and Notes

*Agenda items are in plain text. Discussion notes are in italic.

Informational Update: NEON management is being competed.

Comments are requested. Do we have any? <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2019/nsf19080/nsf19080.jsp>

Continuing Discussion: LTER/EDI Data Portal

Corinna Gries (EDI) has provided a mockup of a new data portal page with the LTER logo. The Executive Board approves combining the portals. As EDI develops, we can discuss branding further, but developers should move ahead with a combined portal.

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Contributed Data Package Growth

— Unique — All Revisions

Data Packages (Cumulative)

Contributed Data Packages
Unique: 7054; All Revisions: 18169

Total Data Packages (including
EcoTrends and Landsat)
Unique: 43420; All Revisions: 69938

RECENTLY ADDED

- 2019-08-01 12:45:56
Hypernutrient lake sensor data during summer algae blooms in Iowa, USA, 2014 - 2018
- 2019-07-31T11:18:50.358
Genetic and extracellular enzyme survey of planktonic communities of aquatic habitats in Green Lakes Valley, 2017

RECENTLY UPDATED

- 2019-08-02 13:30:12
Birds observed in newly hayed and adjacent reference salt marsh sites in Rowley, MA, August through September 2000 and August 2001, PIE LTER.
- 2019-08-02 06:06:16
Benthic algae chlorophyll measurements for Rowley River tidal creeks associated with long term fertilization experiments, Rowley and Ipswich, MA.

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Initial Discussion: Ecological Society of America 2020

The deadline for ESA 2020 session proposals is September 19. The Executive Board should put some thought into how to generate an assortment of 40 Y anniversary proposals.

- *40y report committee could propose sessions related to each theme of the review report. Marty Downs will talk to Peter Groffman.*
- *The Waide/Kingsland book on LTER will be out by then*
- *Harvard Forest Documentary*
- *BioScience Special Issue (Julia Jones, climate change)*

Informational Update: Quarterly PI webinar series update (Diane McKnight)

- Phil Robertson has agreed to chair
- Diane and Phil are open to suggestions for co-chairs -- newer PIs and/or personnel from marine sites, to complement Phil's terrestrial perspective.
- Diane and Phil will brainstorm first

Initial Discussion: Letter from the chairs of the Education/Outreach Committee

The letter, addressed to the Executive Board and the Executive Director of the Network Office, expressed concern about the elimination of the Education Coordinator position in the LTER Network Office.

- *Education Committee Representative: The committee wanted to share that they valued the education representative position and were disappointed that it had been eliminated.*
- *Marty Downs explained that the position had evolved from Carol Blanchette's and was designed as an education-focused position. At only 30% time, however, it has been used mainly in a coordination function.*
- *Off and on, since 2004, the committee had been requesting a full time person in that position, with the intention that it would be someone who would write proposals and take on responsibility.*
- *At least two of the attending PI's had not heard any discussion from their Education/Outreach staff.*
- *Education Committee Representative: there was some momentum building toward using the position effectively. The new committee chairs are all new to LTER leadership positions and need a point of contact.*

Initial Discussion: next steps to nucleate a long term research community that is not only NSF LTER (i.e includes former sites, LTAR, OBFS, etc.)

- *One idea is to take a Gordon Research Conference-type approach*
- *Those attending ESA should talk about this idea and get some feedback.*
- *We will gather information and put the topic back on the agenda on a 5-6 months timeline*
- *Nick Haddad (KBS) is inviting leaders from LTAR and NEON to the annual site meeting and could float the idea of a larger community with LTAR and NEON networks. The KBS meeting is September 19-20.*
- *Diane will contact GRC organization to see what's involved.*

Informational Update from the LTER Network Office

- The request for working group proposals is posted on the lternet.edu website
- The Decadal Self-Study document will go out to PIs this week
- LTER National Communication Office (NCO) is being renamed to LTER Network Office (LNO)