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Topics
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1. EB Report

SIP is moving forward. First draft is with consultant (Collier), a few sections need to be filled out. SIP still leaves a lot of room for interpretation. SIP will go to NSF and form the basis for future decisions.

30-year review. Names just released. Includes Dave Tillman. Will add a social scientist.

EcoTrends. NSF approved LNO budget but not supplement to New Mexico State, which was deemed large enough to require external review. Deb and Bob will write a supplement proposal. Todd will look into mechanisms to fund EcoTrends.

Communication strategic plan. Kathy Lambert is interviewing PIs but few have been willing to spend the time.

Future scenarios. Phil reported to Todd that this will be first initiative. Invitation to present the prospectii to the President's council of advisors.

BioScience prospectus. Nine papers were proposed, only five will be published. EB and publications committee will rank proposed papers.

Science Council 2012 meeting. Morea requested a 2-year delay. GCE will host next year. Maybe IM-Exec can attend?

LTER renewal panel. Generated a long discussion. One site (SGS) was recommended for

termination, two for probation, five for choice of addendum or probation (8 of 12 sites). Is this a signal of something greater for the network? Henry thought results were within past statistical limits, but probably not. Need better communication between NSF and sites. Phil will be involved in a meeting between NSF and SGS. Was IM a factor in these reviews? We don't' know. LNO manages data for past terminated sites (e.g. NIN).

Larger issue of different foci among different NSF panels. Last SGS proposal was approved, site review noted some problems, this review focused on different problems. Do we want to have any input? Have we provided enough information for IM reviews?

NISAC recommended restructuring to 4 IMs (2-year term) and 6 scientists (3-year term), the latter to address a longer learning curve and poorer attendance. Recommendations were approved. But should IM term be changed to 3 years? How should the co-chairs be selected?

Transformational science. Phil has asked for input from sites. This information eventually destined for our websites. What is transformation science?. NSF website lists examples. Phil asked for bullets, half-page descriptions, citations. How to display on site websites? We should be proactive on this point. This information will also appear on the network website, along with network-wide transformational projects. Last year NSF asked for signature datasets but the interpretation of what these datasets are and where to post them differs greatly among sites.

Federation of environmental observatories. LTER will facilitate research at these observatories. This is a step back from the SC meeting. NSF expects LTER to provide scientific background for NEON.

LTER supplements. Provisional announcements were sent out.

2. Legacy Data Prospectus

The idea is to use a portion of the NEON start-up funds to foster collaboration between LTER and NEON.

Controversial issues include: whether there should be direct support to the sites, what constitutes legacy data, and the extent to which this effort should reach out to other networks.

NSF is looking for a range of management models, from centralized to distributed models.

Which datasets are most useful to NEON? Who would represent NEON in this discussion?

Develop common software tools based on EML and other standards.

3. VTC Schedules

IM-Exec: Try Doodle again for Aug VTC. May need to schedule for Aug 11 morning.

IMC: NISAC = July 26,27. LNO = Aug 9,10. NIS = Aug 16,17. NB database = Sep 7,8.

4. IMC Meeting

Change 1st evening topic from governance? Other possibilities include: which data to post, derived datasets, number of datasets, scientist input. Round robin discussion (like a few years ago). Maybe 4 tables and move folks around. Terrace room or carriage house for 1st night. A large open space.

Signup page is now available online. Email announcement is ready to be sent once agenda is near completion.

Grand Rapids 40-45 minutes. Kalamazoo 20-25 minutes. Some vans available at station. Dinner 6-7 pm. Other options are to rent a car, maybe a taxi. Collect donations for beer and wine at station. Check-in at the station until about 10 pm. Leave a key after that.

Airport? Kalamazoo is much more expensive. Corinna will add recommendation to website (probably Grand Rapids). Need to coordinate arrival and departure transportation.

Third day is currently optional but encouraged. If we end at 12:30 pm that leaves time for travel. Accommodations not available at station for Friday night. Include lunch on Friday. Three working groups currently assigned. Suggest we schedule the two sessions now. Assign topics to sessions.

Field station accommodations. Need to share rooms.

AND will send Don, Theresa, Suzanne. Would LNO cover Don as co-chair? There is a precedent for Susan. Not a budget issue for this meeting. IMC travel budget is used for two meetings (IMC and IM-Exec) on a fiscal year basis. Are there funds for guests? No requests this year.

Phil or another scientist will lead a tour of the field sites.

Breakout groups: governance, EML, database redesign. EML breakout: congruency checker, best practices. Publish current draft by Sep 1. Complete by end of year.

Don & Margaret will prepare additional information for breakouts & demos and send general email to IMC.

5. ClimDB

Migration from AND to LNO. Demo at IMC meeting?

Suzanne sent a message last week. Production server is now LNO server. Databases were synched before switching over.

Send metadata updates to Yang. No interface at this time.

Suzanne will visit LNO this fall to complete Yang's training.

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