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# IMExec VTC 2013-09-20 Agenda & Notes

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IM Exec Meeting 20 September 2013, 12:00 PM MDT

**AGENDA**

Note-taker: James C

1. Update on EB Meetings (Emery Boose)
2. Farewell to Adam Skibbe. Update Tasks and Roles [2]
3. Follow-Up on call assignments and topics for fall feedback collection
   Suggested Qs
   - What are your thoughts on the impact of the LNO transitioning to another organization, or possibly being disbanded altogether? What would be the biggest issue/highest risk?
   - In your opinion, what would be the costs and benefits associated with centralizing some or all LTER IM services? What would be the biggest issue/highest risk of taking this approach to information management?
   - Are you able to provide metrics with respect to your site's PASTA contributions? We are specifically looking for the number of suitable datasets from Metacat that will be contributed to PASTA plus how re-packaging may affect these numbers.
   - What kinds of meeting would you like to attend in non-ASM years? Would you prefer paired meetings with a group like ESIP or EIMC, or an IMC only meeting (as per 2013)? Would you like a paired meeting co-located (followed or preceded by) with an IMC only meeting?
4. Follow-Up on Annual Meeting Action Items
   a. Schedule VTCs with each of the 3 new working groups in the next 6 months (Data submissions BP, IMC communication, Data search)
   b. Request from Saran: Facilitate IMC action item #4 (PASTA contributions)
   c. Request from Saran: Write abstract for the summary paper on site IM system pros/cons/risks
   d. Proposal for workshop/meeting in Washington DC
   e. Be prepared to provide input to the McKnight panel investigating alternative LNO organization
5. Follow-Up on VTC Scheduling
6. Discussion of potential EB action items (if any)

**Notes**

E.B. Summary

EB Meeting Sept 19, 2013

LNO's plan to spend out stimulus funding first, leaving core funding for the end,
was recently decided as unacceptable by NSF. LNO is back on core budget for last
two years. Eight positions (network data manager, communications, synthesis, training
workshops, etc.)
supported by stimulus funds are gone. Possible ramifications include the ability to complete
PASTA
framework as originally scoped.

Bob to organize meeting with Saran to discuss possible NSF misunderstanding that the
entire stimulus award was for PASTA support, when in fact only $1M was. Also planned are
discussions to identify LNO priorities.

ASM 2015: Creation of program committee scheduled

Mini-symposium theme has been selected with date to be scheduled.

*Side Discussion (EB)*

NSF is no longer funding SGS LTER, and also gap in LUQ LTER funding.
Possible extra funds - what are potential uses for this money

NSF Considering funding PBS series
aimed at teenagers - EB interested

Followup on call assignments

Feedback on these questions:

All questions agreed to be OK by committee. Timeline for completing the calls is
roughly 2 weeks, with time for being collated before presentation to entire IMC
at October VTC.

Annual Meeting followup

Need to schedule VTCs with the three new groups (Data submissions BP, IMC communication,
Data search)

Need to identify who the lead is for each of these working groups.
Suggested that we contact each of the working groups and ask who their lead is, or to elect
someone.

John C. to send letter to Saran (ok'd by IM EXEC) to request direction for
how next meeting could be held in DC, etc.

Other

October VTC topic - Summarize results from phone calls
November, December - Need some suggestions

**Idea**
One VTC to get feedback from the working groups

But not sure if they'll be ready and are up and running

*The IM review criteria history*
- Original set of questions drafted and sent by IMEXEC earlier this year
- Saran suggested updating IMC suggested review guidelines
- No current schedule for updating these?

Action Items

1. Phone call questionaires (IMEXEC)
2. IMC working group followups (identify leaders, plans, progress, etc.) (Assign?)
3. IM Annual Meeting Report (James)

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