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Attending: Corinna Gries, Margaret O'Brien, James Brunt, Suzanne Remillard
Nicole Kaplan, John Campbell, Todd Ackerman, (Hap Garret)

ACTION ITEMS:
1. review doc in item 2.3, add to agenda for next time - ALL

1. Reports:
1.1 IMexec membership- Nicole: Barrie sent an e-mail to IMexec with his resignation from
IMexec. per Nicole: Barrie confirmed his resignation, expressed his respect for the group, and
assured he will continue to work on GIS projects. At this time, he did not explain why he resigned.
Current membership: Corinna, Nicole (co-chairs), Todd, Suzanne, Margaret, John, Hap. This
results in an odd number of members, which is better configured for voting on issues. Therefore
our decision is to hold off on electing any members until our annual business meeting in Sept.,
where governance and membership issues will be discussed further.

1.2 Governance - Nicole: imc-wg composed of Nicole, Karen, Eda: have been reviewing docs
from EBs reorganization, creating a acharge for the governance working group, and reviewing the
IMC mission from the mid 1990s. All 3 are participating in a funded workshop in Puerto Rico,
December 16-19 on incorporating Social Science to meet the goals of the ISSE. IM goverance
and its organizational structure are related to CI implementation as it will provide the framework
for prioritzing efforts and products to support socio-ecological research across the network.

1.3 EB – Corinna
1.3.1. Mini-symposium @nsf Feb inviting people in these subjects: Connectivity sl rise, atm dep,
hydrologicl, species, wind&dust, infesction disease
1.3.2. ASM Program (integrating science and society in a world of constant change) Committee –
Corinna planning, Kristin- website
1.3.3. EB meeting Sunday before ASM, 1-5. IMC should plan it's agenda around that (Corinna
needs to attend both)
1.3.4. no official info on LNO proposal yet.
1.3.5. Bill Math/Sci Environmental lteracy, how can reearch be reformatted for education.
partnershop 12million (whitmer, berkowitch, __ __, LNO)
1.3.6. MOU with natl phrenology network. mostly USGS funded, plus citizen science, e.g. bud-
burst) how can they interact with lter network. memo sets up communication network.
1.3.7. data access issue: subcommittee (of 4) reviewed sites data pages, compiled results on:
"data" link on home page
presence of "signature" datasets
searchable by person or type

network data resources linked

Recommended how to ease data access at sites [ATTACHED BELOW]. Most recommendations have already been stated in existing web design recommendations. Considered other approaches for longer term: lno metacat with access-tracker reports (although this is implemented at sites, for same data). COntrolled vocab, unit dictionary, lno is already working on these: EB nod. Talk to Phil and Henry re EB subcommittee recommendations. Create a sample page (for download interface?).

Bob: "chain of responsibilty" for data. Re: Henry did not find data under the name of the PI (lead assumed). May need to consider recommendations for who/how to add (or keep) as creator/etc/. How to deal with turnover? has repercussions for where is dataset management maintained? "contact" is the data manager role. Assigning ownership is problematic given attitudes about data ownership. EML structures can handle wide variety of parties/roles. IMC may need to adjust Best Practices [IMC may need to recommend to EB and let them cogitate.]

"core research areas" - we may be moving from the 5 core areas to the "8 themes" - these are generally keyworded, so should be generally portable.

2. IMC08/EIMC08 in Review – IMC surveys due November 14, 2008
2.1. Site bytes – Baker offered that a student or Florence may be available to summarize responses. IMexec says yes.
2.2. Network News Article –
2.2.1 Nicole and James Williams submitting a network newsletter article on VTC experiences
2.2.2. EIMC program, partners and number of participants were submitted to newtwork newsletter, with the URL to the proceedings.
2.3. IM Review Criteria Document (John C) [ATTACHED DOC BELOW]
Some IMs used the IMRC document as a checklist to prepare for the site review. Others used it mostly as a guideline. In some cases the document was used to redesign a site's overall IM system. Reviewers found the document to be very helpful. The general consensus was that it is a useful document and doesn't need much revision.

2.4 Web Guidelines and Criteria
Nicole - no updates.

2.5. Controlled Vocab WG - Corinna
Duane created a search interface for metacat that responds to keystrokes. Pick and Search from the dropdown: http://tropical.lternet.edu:8888/knb/ (This link may not persist.) User tests? John P update via VTC?

2.6 Unit Dictionary WG: Todd-
10/31 is (was) deadline for 800 units in, and BP written. We will not make this deadline. Maybe 11/30

Our "dictionary process" is still not defined, and will be needed for either of these projects as we need to add or vet contents. Review wikipedia for their process, also web of science.

2009 VTC schedule – Suzanne
current schedule at: http://intranet.lternet.edu/im/news/virtualupdates/schedule
additions for the spring:
John Porter, Controlled Vocab

Todd Ackerman: units (june)

Planning ahead
Next Imexec VTC – Suzanne

Winter IMExec Meeting – Nicole

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