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Present:O'Brien, Chamblee, Xia, Brunt, Skibbe, Bahauddin, Boose, Vanderbilt, Downing, Tarrant

Note taker: Kristin Vanderbilt
Time keeper: Philip Tarrant

Topics:
1. EB report (Emery)
2. 2013 Meeting options (Adam), see summary below
3. Thomson/Reuters Data Citation Index (Margaret)
4. Visit to NSF -- letter to PIs (John)
5. Canonical list of network links (Margaret, James)
6. Other

Notes

EB News (Boose reporting): Saran and Matt joined the October 22 EB meeting. They are organizing mid-term reviews for next summer. They suggested that the EB should consider adding a session at the NSF winter meeting (minisymposium) that targets presentations for administrators. That is, have an hour worth of short talks that give more background info about LTER to educate NSF higher ups.

Matt and Saran were pleased with ASM. Matt noted, however, that some working groups made little progress. Matt also noted that some participants came late or left early, and wondered if the meeting might be too long.

Bob reported that the ARRA budget has been approved by NSF. All of those funds have to be invoiced by August, 2013 (unclear if this is the beginning or end of the month).

There was poor attendance of the Climate Committee at ASM, and Julia Jones has contacted the EB and asked to reconstitute the committee. EB has said she should do this.

The EB meeting on 11/12/2012 was dominated by discussion of proposals. 61 proposals were received by the EB to be funded with ARRA funds. Of 11 training proposals, four were recommended. Four postdoc proposals were funded, and 13 Synthesis proposals were funded.

The Visioning Committee has made a request to LTER sites, and EB hopes to get all to respond.

Where should the next IMC meeting be held (Skibbe)?: Adam compiled budgets for each of the four sites interested in hosting the meeting (LUQ, NWT, VCR, BNZ). Given the typical budget of $1100 per person, any of the sites would be fine. NWT was ruled out as being too close to the ASM venue. The candidate sites were reduced to BNZ during the last two weeks of July (cheaper than in the Fall, because on-campus housing can be used), or VCR in the August or September. Adam will follow up with John Porter about timing. Once we know VCR availability (as well as dates of site reviews next summer and fall), the decision on which site will be chosen for the 2013 IMC meeting will be made by a poll of the IMC.

Thomson Reuters Data Citation Index (O'Brien): Gastil was contacted by Thompson Reuters, a company developing a data citation index. They want to develop a relationship with LTER and index our data catalog. Should this be brought to the attention of EB? It is not clear what the company needs from the LTER IM Community, but it probably involves helping them understand our metadata and how our repository (PASTA) is structured. It was agreed that this issue is for the EB, and that a subgroup of IMs will follow up with Thomson Reuters to find out what they want. Margaret and James will contact the company, and include Gastil, if she wishes, since she was first-contact.

IM Visit to NSF (Chamblee): During ASM, the IMC was invited to visit NSF. John Chamblee has drafted a letter for EB to bring them in to the picture. Emery suggested offering a draft program to EB also, for their feedback. Feedback from the IMC will be requested during the December VTC. That meeting will feature Phil Tarrant talking about the Data Reporting working group, after which the visit to NSF will be discussed.

Saran should also be contacted regarding when she would like this visit to take place, and to learn a bit more about what the NSF agenda is.

Broken Links on New LNO Website (O'Brien): A new LNO website has been launched, and some links that many LTER websites point to are broken. How should this be dealt with? James is looking at the list of broken links supplied by Margaret, and will be offering a solution.

ACTION ITEM: When should the Winter IMEXEC meeting be? Jason will send out a Doodle poll.

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