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July 26 session participants :

July 27 session participants and notes:

Present: Teresa Valentine, Mason Kortz, Sven Bohm, Wade Sheldon, Nicole Kaplan, Kirstin Vanderbilt, James Brunt, Don Henshaw

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Summary of discussion regarding IMC representation on NISAC

Process for selection of IM co-chair on NISAC

- * Recognition that most committees select their own leadership (this process is also written into LTER Bylaws)
- * However, IMC selects IM-Exec co-chairs directly
- * Pros and cons of both models

* NISAC should probably determine which way to proceed in light of its charter/Bylaws/Terms of Reference

Terms of service

- * Current 2 year terms are probably insufficient
- * Terms should be lengthened to 3-4 years to align with NISAC SC reps
- * IMs need time to ramp up their knowledge/experience too
- * Many NISAC tasks longer time frame than 1-2 years, so continuity important
- * Note that we will need to ramp up to this model due to current terms, rotation schedule, so some IMC reps will have to stay on additional 1-2 years (e.g. John and Karen)

Rotation of reps

- * Agreement that should only elect 1 new IMC rep yearly, so 3 experienced members always on committee
- * Would provide opportunities for mentoring within committee

Alignment of IMC terms with NISAC meetings

- * Support was expressed for electing IMC members in Fall, having them overlap with outgoing member until spring NISAC meeting on VTCs
- * Similar model to EB

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