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1. Milestones (dates negotiable!):

March 09: Final Best Practices doc deadline: March (comments on existing content to Todd by Feb1)

??April 09: Engage the handful of sites that have volunteered to review their own units.

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ASM 2009: Demo of unit dictionary query application and web service!

2. Best practices;

currently at [http://intranet.lternet.edu/im/news/committees/working\\_groups/unit\\_dicti...](http://intranet.lternet.edu/im/news/committees/working_groups/unit_dicti...)

[1]

Most people seem to like the static document format, rather than converting it to drupal content. Margaret is looking a ways to go from documents to xml (docbook)

Additions to best practices: need better descriptions and definitions of attributes and units.

Units BP can recommend wording: e.g., unit, then modifier, as in meterSquared, not squareMeter. Either is acceptable, and both are used in the current standard units.

best practices doc can outline a possible vetting system using its recommendations.

### 3. Schema:

Mason's doc with schema outline, and interface needs (attached doc below)

Mason highlighted the changes. We agreed that these schema changes looked good.

Attachment	Size
Mason's jan 2009 draft: UnitDictionaryImplementation_Draft.pdf [2]	80.77 KB

- Unit [3]

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