

Notes from Chairs
November 7, 2006

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New agenda items

Revised date for reviews of post-ASM proposals – December 1

Brief discussion of additional NSF briefings scheduled for November 17; Bob will talk to Scott. **Update: Scott is finding that many of the people he wanted to brief are not available on the 17th. He indicates that he can handle the visits himself. This may mean that we need another update in the future to capture the people that he won't see on the 17th.**

Discussed whether LNO should provide support for participants in the Las Cruces NEON meeting. Consensus was to wait to see if there were any funding requests and judge each on basis of need.

1. Completing an LTER strategic plan – orphaned items

Discussion of the various kinds of preparations that LTER should undertake to be prepared for new initiatives (e.g., LTAR) or addition of new sites. Phil suggested a possible working group that went beyond LTER to discuss the future scope of LTER. One option is to create an ad hoc targeted committee that would address how these strategic points should be addressed and how NSF should be advised on priorities.

NSF expects an evaluation of the current situation – this is not being addressed in the planning process. Bob will develop and circulate a white paper that pulls together work accomplished in this regard by previous CC's.

2. Responding to proposed LTER budget flat line in 2008

Institute monthly or biweekly calls like this one. Talk to Henry and Mike Willig about the origins and impact of this idea. Bob will set up call with Henry. **Update: Nov 15 or 17 are good dates for Henry.**

3. Participation of EB in developing goals for LNO renewal proposal, due March 2008.

Put on the agenda for the March EB meeting. May need a small group of EB members who work on this with a strong participation by the Chair. Should address whether the Chair should be a PI on the Cooperative Agreement.

4. MOU with Internet II

A general question is who signs MOU in representation of the LTER Network? This is an issue that should be put before the EB. Bob will talk with Michener to develop an argument for this MOU to be presented to John and Phil.

5. 2006-2007 review of the LNO by the EB

Aim for March meeting for formal review of LNO. Survey will need to be discussed in December. LNO will be tasked with implementing the survey and summarizing the results, probably in a way that would not involve the ED or his surrogate.

6. Site characteristics table
7. Plan for promoting LTER
8. LTAR
9. Relationship with ILTER

