

Potential LTER Bylaw Changes for Consideration  
at the May 8, 2008 Science Council Meeting  
April 6, 2008

and his/her  
designate

**Article IV, Section 2. Composition:** The Science Council shall be composed of a Chairperson, a Chair-Elect (as needed), the Principal Investigator from each LTER Site, the Chair of each Network-wide and Targeted Standing Committee, and the Executive Director of the Network Office.

**IV, 2.1 Chairperson.** The Chair of the Science Council shall be elected by the Science Council from within the scientific community of the LTER Network. The Executive Board shall appoint an ad hoc Nominating Committee that will at least 60 days prior to the election solicit nominations for Chair from the LTER scientific community. At least 30 days prior to the election the Executive Director of the Network Office will distribute resumes of each nominee to the Science Council. Election of a Chair will be by majority vote of the Science Council. The election will be held at the Science Council meeting at least one (1) year prior to the expiration of the current Chair's term (i.e. every other year). The individual elected shall serve as Chair-Elect for one (1) year prior to assuming office as Chair and during this time shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Executive Board. The term of office for the Chair will be two (2) years. The Chair may stand for re-election for one consecutive two (2) year term.

**IV, 2.4 Additional Participants**

For every scheduled meeting of the Science Council, each LTER Network Site will select an individual to serve as an additional science participant whose role is to provide expertise related to the annual meeting science theme(s). The additional participant shall be selected by the Site, shall serve for the duration of the annual meeting, and may be selected from within or outside the LTER scientific community.

**Section 1. National Advisory Board:** A National Advisory Board (NAB) of no more than 15 members representing diverse areas of expertise will provide independent review and advice to the LTER Network, the Office, and appropriate funding agencies. The Chair of the NAB shall be selected from among NAB members, recommended by the Executive Board in consultation with the outgoing NAB chair, and invited to perform this service by the EB Chair for a once-renewable 2 year term. The Chair of the NAB will select approximately one-half of the NAB members from a list provided by the Science Council. The remainder of the NAB will be chosen by the NAB Chair to ensure outside, independent review. With the exception of the Chair, NAB membership will be for 3 years with the potential for a second 3-year term at the discretion of the NAB chair. The Chair will serve as many additional years as needed to finish their term as chair. The NAB will meet in person a minimum of once each calendar year and shall provide a written report after each meeting. The report will be provided to the Executive Board, reviewed by the Science Council, and forwarded to the NSF.

**Article IX, Section 2. Review of Network Office Performance:** An annual review of Office performance shall be conducted by the Executive Board at its first meeting of the year. The review will be based on 1) the annual report of the Office, which will be circulated to LTER Sites in January of each year, 2) a survey of Sites administered by the Office at least biennially in January of each odd-numbered year, and 3) goals set in the LTER Strategic Plan. The Executive Board will recommend modifications to Office tasks. Those recommendations approved by the Executive Board will be submitted by the Office to the NSF for possible incorporation into the Cooperative Agreement.

**Article IX, Section 3. Renewal Proposals:** Proposals to renew the Cooperative Agreement for the Office will be developed by the Executive Director of the Office (as Principal Investigator) working with the Executive Board. The approach, list of tasks, and general budget for the proposal will be submitted to the Executive Board 6 months prior to submission to NSF, with approval by the Executive Board at least 90 days prior to submission.

**Article VII, Section 4. Ad hoc Committees:** The Executive Board may create such ad hoc committees as may be deemed desirable, the members of which shall be appointed by the Executive Board. Each such committee shall have only the lawful powers and term of operation/existence specifically delegated to it by the Executive Board. Unless specifically noted or renewed, ad hoc committees expire annually at the end of the annual Science Council meeting. Ad hoc committees may have representation at Executive Board and/or Science Council meetings at the discretion of the Executive Board.

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