**LTER Education Committee Conference Call**

**August 2, 2017**

**3:00-4:00 pm EDT**

**MINUTES**

1. Attendance
2. Jill Haukos (KNZ) – Co-Chair, Jason Love (CWT) – Secretary, Noelia Baez (LUQ), Marty Downs (NCO), Amanda Morrison (ARC), Sam Norlin (NCO), Adrian Howkins (MCM), Liz Duff (PIE), Janice McDonnell (PAL) and Christine Bean (PAL)
3. Approve July minutes

Minutes were approved.

1. New Business
   1. Network Communication Office – Marty Downs
      1. Education web site

Downs reported that there will be a new NCO logo coming out soon. There are 150 LTER presentations at the upcoming ESA. There will not be an NCO/LTER booth this year at ESA. Hubbard Brook has new publication in Ecology that showcases 50 years of their research. Downs reported that stories on the new education website can be tagged in many different ways (e.g. by site, by persons in the story, by event type). Norlin reported that these improvements should make the website more user friendly to different user groups. The education contact page will be 1-2 pages and allow users to have “one stop shopping” for contacting ed reps, site reps, etc. Haukos reported that we have two new education reps: Marilyn Sigman - Northern Gulf of Alaska (NGA) and Annette Brickley - Northeast U.S. Shelf (NES).

* 1. Network Updates
     1. EB Updates - Kari O’Connell

Nothing to report.

* 1. LTER Handbook for Education

Haukos introduced a draft of the Handbook for LTER Education. This draft is available on the Google Drive for education reps to edit and add content. For the list of contacts and sites, it was agreed that there would be a link in the handbook that leads to this content on the NCO webpage; this allows the content to be in one place so content can be updated much easier. Haukos used the time to showcase the document and to get feedback from education reps and NCO.

* 1. Diversity – Big Table on Google drive
  2. Working Group Updates
     1. Professional Development - Cross-Site Research Experiences for Teachers – Kara Haas

Nothing to report.

* + 1. Ecological Data Literacy – Stephen McGee

Nothing to report.

* + 1. Next Generation Science Standards – Steven McGee

Nothing to report.

* + 1. Children’s Book Series – Adrian Howkins - report

Howkins reported that in May 2016 we receive an additional year of funding from NSF. But that funding has dried up. Three new books will come out in October. Downs reported that the books themselves needed to be a bit more appealing to a wider audience by making the story more regional and less site-specific. The NSF would be more likely to fund curriculum development for the books, but not necessarily the full amount it cost to publish the books. Norlin and Downs plan to put together a proposal to NSF that stresses funding for curriculum and some funding for publishing.

* + 1. Higher Education – Alan Berkowitz (out)

Nothing to report

* + 1. Citizen Science – Elena Sparrow

Nothing to report.

* 1. Grant Updates/Announcements
  2. Site Updates/Announcements

Baez reported that LUQ and SEV just completed their second joint Data Jam presentations.

1. EOC Meeting Schedule
   1. September 6, 2017
   2. October 4, 2017
   3. November 1, 2017
   4. December 6, 2017
   5. January 3, 2018