**LTER Education Committee Conference Call**

**October 4, 2017**

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

**MINUTES**

Attendance: Christine Bean (PAL), Noelia Baez (LUQ), Alan Berkowitz (BES), Annette Brickley (NES), Bess Caplan (BES), Audrey Cruz (SEV), Marty Downs (NCO), Liz Duff (PIE), Kara Haas (KBS), Jill Haukos (KNZ), Steven McGee, (LUQ), Amanda Morrison (ARC), Sam Norlin (NCO), Kari O’Connell (AND), Cari Paulenreich (CCE), Alexandra Rose (NWT/MCM), Elena Sparrow (BNZ), guests: Nancy Douglas and Brandon Jones of WildNote

1. Approve September minutes - approved
2. New Business
   * Update from LUQ – after Hurricane Marie hit Puerto Rico Sept. 20, 2017

Noelia Baez reported on the conditions of Puerto Rico and the Luquillo Biological Station in the aftermath of Hurricane Marie. They have not had power or clean water since the hurricane. The condition of the rainforest was described as “bad”. Lots of equipment has been damaged at LUQ but trails have been cleared to research plots. Managers will be seeking funding for building repair and replacement. The entire site will be a large experiment addressing resilience and repair after a devastating hurricane.

* Introductions and Roll Call – each person identified themselves and their role within the LTER network. It was agreed that such an activity would be beneficial on a regular basis – every 6 months – to help educate new EOC members.
* Guest Speakers: Nancy Douglas and Brandon Jones of WildNote – an app for the collection, management and recording of environmental data. There are 3 ways in which WildNote can assist members of the LTER EOC:
  + - Field research
    - Educational aspects
    - Cross-site comparisons
* Working Group Updates:
  + 1. Higher Education – Alan Berkowitz

Alan is developing some ideas for Higher Education at the All Scientists Meeting (ASM) – contact him if you have any ideas. Also, contact him if you would like to be involved in the development of a new proposal addressing REU students.

* + Network Communication Office – Marty Downs/Sam Norlin

1. Sam Norlin: Take a look at the Big Table at the EOC Google drive. Update your information.
2. EOC Meeting Schedule
   * October 4, 2017
   * November 1, 2017
   * December 6, 2017
   * January 3, 2018
   * February 7, 2018