**LTER Education Committee Conference Call**

**June 6. 2018**

**3:00-4:00 pm ET**

**Minutes**

1. Attendance

Caitlin Potter (CDR), Jill Haukos (KNZ), Marty Downs (NCO), Sam Norlin (NCO), Kara Haas (KBS), Stephanie Bestelmeyer (JRN), Cora Johnson (VCR), Kari O’Connell (AND), Alex Rose (NWT & MCM), Clarisse Hart (HFR), Elena Sparrow (BON), Steve McGee (LUQ), Noelia Baez Rodriguez (LUQ), Lisa Herrmann (CAP), Marilyn Sigman (NGA)

1. Approve May minutes
   1. Minutes approved
2. New Business
   1. Network Communication Office –Sam Norlin, Marty Downs
      1. Marty:
         1. 25 workshop proposals for ASM; Deadline extended to June 15. Committee will look to harmonize workshops
         2. Registration page for lodging will be ready soon
         3. 2 formal workshops:
            1. Alan Alda Science Communication workshop- propose 1 person per site (and alternate), half on Wednesday, half Thursday, very effective for Scientists
            2. Entering Mentoring- 6-hour workshop (Monday) draws on general bio curriculum, time to reflect on what should be different for field bio., potential partnership for REU support
         4. Google Drive is now on Google Team Drive- easier for file management, let Marty know if you have any challenges
         5. Group working on REU supplements for ASM
      2. Sam
         1. Will work on REU, Schoolyard Book Series,
         2. Contacting sites to get more information about REU program: what students are doing, contact person, their advisors
         3. Use to cultivate cross-site REU projects, including virtual meeting
         4. At ASM, Sam and Kristen will be interviewing people, use videos for online, marketing, etc.
   2. Network Updates
      1. EB Updates – Kari O’Connell
         1. Attended Science Council Meeting
            1. 40-year review by NSF is approaching: Why should this program continue to be funded? It is only program that has been funded for that long. NSF has to justify the $30 million/year cost.
            2. A great deal of interest and support for education and leveraged funding.
            3. Interest in Diversity by NSF. PIs are supportive but not sure how to do it. Looking at education to get diverse groups in the pipeline and to build relationships. Opportunity for this committee. Need to ensure students are supported and in an inclusive environment.
            4. New website guidelines were approved.
            5. Discussed 2 years of new structure with NCO and EDI. Talk to PI about our interaction with NCO regularly. What we get and what we need.
      2. ASM proposal updates – Jill Haukos and Caitlin Potter
         1. Jill sent out list of final workshops
         2. Onus is back on authors to submit your workshops. If you don’t want to submit, we can help find someone else who would like to pick up the session.
         3. Generating support and collaboration for a diversity session.
         4. Marty: Don’t think we will have a limit on the number of posters that each site can submit.
         5. Still have $8000 to spend to bring people to workshop- will discuss in July
         6. Hope to get list of accepted workshops by July
         7. Will reserve time on Sunday for Education Committee Business, including meeting with NSF program officer
   3. Working Group Updates
      1. Professional Development – Kara Haas
      2. Ecological Data Literacy - Alan Berkowitz
      3. Next Generation Science Standards – Steven McGee
      4. Children’s Book Series – Alex Rose
      5. Higher Education -Kari O’Connell and Alan Berkowitz
      6. Citizen Science – Elena Sparrow
   4. Site Updates/Announcements
      1. Caitlin (CDR) has bison! They are on loan to the site for the growing season.
3. EOC Meeting Schedule
   1. July 11(?), 2018- The first Wednesday is July 4. If this rescheduled date doesn’t work, email Caitlin!
   2. August 1, 2018
   3. September 5, 2018
   4. November 7, 2018
   5. December 5, 2018