**LTER Education Committee Conference Call**

**Nov 7th, 2018**

**3:00-4:00 pm EST**

**AGENDA**

1. Attendance
   1. Sam Norlin (NCO), Caitlin Potter (CDR), Kim Eichhorst (SEV), Jill Haukos (KNZ), Liz Duff (PIE), Scott Simon (SBC), Christina Bonsell (BLE), Marilyn Sigman (NGA), Sarah Thorne (HBR), Fiona Jevon (HFR- grad student committee), Jill Zaretsky, Kari O’Connell (AND), Amanda Morrison (ARC), Nathan McTigue (BLE), Cari Paulenich (CCE), Bess Caplan (BES), Alan Berkowitz (BES), Annette Brickley (NES)
   2. Welcome new attendees -- Sarah Thorne (HBR), Christina Bonsell, Nathan McTigue (BLE), Fiona Jevon (HFR grad rep)
2. In lieu of approving October minutes, review ASM highlights:
   1. Caitlin compiled and shared information from working group post-it notes
   2. Kim will send resources regarding CODAP out to everyone
   3. Feel free to share your resources from ASM sessions
3. Guest speaker - Jill Zarestky on outreach at field stations (~20 min)
   1. Focus on Informal STEM learning at field stations
      1. No one has studied this previously
      2. If you call yourself a field station, that is good enough for them
      3. Surveying 400+ field stations, as of 10/26, 156 have responded
      4. Preliminary results
         1. Goals: encourage conservation and stewardship, teach about environment, disseminate information
         2. Audiences: Adults (52%)
         3. How are scientists involved in outreach: Teachers/facilitators (70%), Guest speakers (57%)
         4. Program Topics: Ecology (86%)
         5. Program Types: Field Trips (48%), Lectures (42%), Guided Tours/walks (32%)
   2. Are there real differences in the way outreach is done at LTER sites compared to other field stations?
      1. So many possibilities and resource dependent
      2. Work at LTER sites seems to be in the norms
      3. Opportunities- can leverage public’s interest in active, ongoing science
   3. Similarities and Differences with Nature Centers
      1. Goals
      2. Time devoted to outreach
   4. Effectiveness of outreach efforts
      1. This data set cannot answer this but people want to, and need assistance with evaluation of these programs
4. New Business
   1. Network Communication Office –Sam Norlin
      1. Post ASM, gathering survey results
      2. Planning for 40-year review
      3. Will be sending out new survey to update website, will be updating this quarterly, if nothing has changed you can ignore
      4. Blog posts from REUs will be on website soon
   2. Working Group Updates - Caitlin
      1. Lists send around by Caitlin
      2. Each group has a chair
      3. What is the reporting schedule for these groups?
         1. Chairs pick a month and report back next month
   3. We will move the January meeting to January 9
   4. Do we want to change the day of the week that we want to meet? LTER leadership now meets on first Wednesday of the month and some members cannot meet on Wednesday. Sending out survey!
5. EOC Meeting Schedule
   1. December 5, 2018
   2. January 9, 2019 **One week later than normal!**
   3. February 6, 2019
   4. March 6, 2019
   5. April 3, 2019