**LTER Education Committee Conference Call**

**Dec 5th, 2018**

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

**Minutes**

1. Attendance

Marty Downs (NCO), Sam Norlin (NCO), Cora Johnston (VCR), Caitlin Potter (CDR), Scott Simon (SBC), Kara Haas (KBS), Amanda Morrison (ARC), Stephanie Bestelmeyer (JRN), Jill Haukos (KNZ), Sarah Thorne (HBR), Bess Caplan (BES), Elena Sparrow (BNZ), Cari Paulenich (CCE), Alan Berkowitz (BES), Kari O’Connell (AND), Janice McDonnell (PAL), Clarisse Hart (HFR), Annette Brickley (NES), Fiona Jevon (HFR grad rep)

1. Approve Nov minutes
2. New Business

Network Communication Office updates – Marty Downs

* 1. 40 year review- putting together decadal review in preparation
     + Small committee developing network-wide narrative
     + Each site developing 2-page narrative about their accomplishments over the last decade
     + Does the education committee want to put together a review of the committee’s work? (Alan, Stephanie, Jill volunteered to help)
     + Three things to consider: This is a decadal review, back up with evidence and data, focus on items that the LTER network is particularly suited to do
  2. Thinking about website and how it manages personnel
  3. Thinking about renewal proposal

Updates: Sam Norlin

* + - Sent out, via email, information about updating information on the website regarding each site’s programs
    - Please note: the “Big Table” is not meant to be prescriptive and you do not need to have something for every box
    - Working to get REU information on website
  1. EOC updates – Caitlin and Cora
     + Results of survey about monthly meeting date change
       1. Based upon survey results, first Thursday seems to be best choice
       2. Only 3 sites indicated they were unable to make Thursday, but 1 is now ok with it
       3. Will get information about procedural steps required to change date of meeting
       4. Shift to Thursday starting in *February; January will remain on rescheduled date of Wednesday, January 9.*
     + Upcoming speakers/topics:
       1. January: 40 year review check in
       2. February: Land Use Change (Pam and Clarisse)
       3. March: Snow School (Kerry McClay, Alex)
  2. RET discussion – Kara and Alan
     + Based upon call for proposals, possibility for cross-site RET program, considering grant proposals for funding
     + A lot of work was done in 2016 to pool best practices and gather evaluation tools
     + https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w\_WpStxYQYc21WakE\_KyUOJ-3AZoa6dA4rnV9XSIiSo/edit?usp=sharing
     + Need to know:
       1. Who is interested in researching funding opportunities?
       2. Who is planning to host RET this summer?
       3. Does anyone feel like they have time to coordinate cross-site RET this year?
     + Kara will coordinate a separate meeting. Contact her if you are interested.
     + Question: Do you have to name the teacher in proposal? RFP says to include CV of teacher. Looking for information from program officer if it is possible to create process for selection, without naming teacher in advance
  3. Working Group updates
     + If you are a chair, please let Caitlin know when your group wants to share out
     + List of committee members: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w\_WpStxYQYc21WakE\_KyUOJ-3AZoa6dA4rnV9XSIiSo/edit?usp=sharing
     + Higher Ed- looking to put in grant for coordination network for REUs
     + Undergraduate education: UFERN webinar will have guest speaker next week (see email Kari sent)
  4. Site Updates/Announcements
     + Hubbard- collaborate with nonprofit in New Hampshire to understand sugar maple regeneration, not at their site, interested in anyone’s experience with long term monitoring offsite
     + BES- Received ramp down grant, 2 years of money spread over 3 years, focused on producing papers and curriculum, does not cover program work
     + CDR- Camera traps have collected 950,000 images of animals will be launching citizen science component soon
     + VCR- 2 grad students included data nuggets in proposals, hosting aerial photography gallery discussion
     + AND- collaboration with math teachers to develop mathematical modeling tasks using authentic data, started with math faculty on campus, will share results and best practice

1. EOC Meeting Schedule
   1. Wednesday, January 9
   2. **Additional dates TBD**