**LTER Education Committee Conference Call**

**February 7th, 2019**

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

**MINUTES**

1. Attendance

Jill Haukos (KNZ), Cora Johnston (VCR), Clarisse Hart (HFR), Pam Snow (HFR), Annette Brickley (NES), Stephanie Bestelmeyer (JRN), Fiona (HFR grad), Sarah Thorne (HBR), Amanda Morrison (ARC), Marilyn Sigman (NGA), Sam Norlin (NCO), Steve Pennings (GCE), Kim Eichhorst(Sevietta), Janice McDonnell (PAL), Nick Oehm (FCE), Alex Rose (NWT), Elena Sparrow (BNZ), unknown 480 number

1. Approve January minutes - APPROVED
2. New Business
   1. NCO updates – Sam Norlin, Marty Downs
      1. Call for network wide webinar requests
      2. Jill et al are working on our 2 page committee summary for 40 year review
      3. Each site should be ready (or already working on) a report of education activities for the last 10 years, especially focused on successes that relied on long-term or network collaboration
      4. Science Council meeting is May in Puerto Rico
      5. NCO is working on their renewal proposal – for less $, more work; accepting reasonable requests for services
      6. Check out #LTERlove for February… also, something new/secret rolling out soon
   2. EB updates – Annette
      1. Turnover from Peter Groffman to Diane due in June
      2. Setting agenda design and items for Science Council meeting, especially considering common challenges (operational, beyond the science)
      3. RFP for NCO (less $)
         1. Some survey mystery, with take-away that EOC will help get teacher responses if a similar future survey is sent for 40yr
   3. EOC updates – Cora
      1. New working groups folders on Team Drive
         1. RET proposals also shared
         2. Upon request, Cora is adding ROA and “Needs assessment” share folders
      2. Call for conference dates on shared spreadsheet
         1. Confirmed that this is to share info on any conference that might be of interest to other EOC members
3. Guest Speakers: Incorporating Land Use Change into education and outreach – Pamela Snow and Clarisse Hart
   1. See slides at <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/172sViCGmgCy2SYzEzfUPB-ucFdB8836XQ3UQyGWh-VQ/edit#slide=id.p1>
   2. Central questions and potential for follow up:
      1. How is each site using “site science” in school programming?
      2. HFR uses “Land use change” – how generally relevant is this or similar topic as a shared perspective for teaching with site science? Other ideas?
      3. Program development discussion points
         1. Mini grants to teachers for curriculum development 🡪 perhaps add some framework/structure (E’s, NGSS, etc); demonstration classroom
         2. Broadening participation 🡪 how to get Title 1 schools in the door; trip scholarships haven’t done the trick yet.
            1. Jill suggests community connections/advocates (trusted messenger)
4. Working Group and Site Updates/Announcements
   1. Nick Oehm – LTeaER project
      1. Working on this as a cross-site initiative
         1. Complete Doodle survey to discuss: <https://doodle.com/poll/c3g54zzteem4qcmg>
         2. Learn more about program: <http://www.teatime4science.org/>
   2. Alan – Sense of Place/iLTER, 40-year review, higher ed
      1. Alan not on the call
      2. From Data Literacy WG, Steve reports that Data Jam sites developed a common student survey, have assessed the results, and will be using it again this year.
5. EOC Meeting Schedule (NOTE DAY OF WEEK CHANGE TO THURSDAYS)
   1. March 7th, 2019
   2. April 4th, 2019
   3. May 2nd, 2019
   4. June 6th, 2019
   5. **July 11th, 2019 \*\*note shift of a week to avoid July 4th holiday**