**LTER Education Committee Conference Call**

**July 11th, 2019**

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

**Minutes**

1. Attendance

Jill Haukos (KNZ), Sam Norlin (NCO), Caitlin Potter (CDR), Elizabeth Schultheis (KBS), Steven McGee (LUQ), Alan Berkowitz (BES), Amanda Morrison (ARC), Annette Brickley (NES), Elena Sparrow (BNZ), Liz Duff (PIE), Clarisse Hart (HFR)

1. Approve June minutes

Minutes approved.

1. New Business
   1. NCO updates – Sam and Marty
      1. Kristen Weiss (NCO) is gathering Instagram stories/pictures of graduate students doing summer work.
      2. Writing reports and getting prepared for next grant cycle (end of September)
      3. Discussion regarding dissolution of Sam’s position: bring up to LTER Executive Board and develop collaborative Letter of Concern.
   2. EB updates – Annette
      1. No June meeting. No updates to report.
   3. EOC updates - Caitlin and Cora
      1. EOC interest in shared sensitivity/diversity training
         1. Diversity committee and individual sites have expressed a need. Is this something we would like to start with as a committee?
         2. Diversity committee discussed having training at next ASM
         3. Question: What are we envisioning?
         4. Elena: Breaking the Bias Habit Workshop was helpful but expensive when they brought them to Alaska
2. Working Group and Site Updates/Announcements
   1. BNZ: Had good midterm review, able to see campers representing diverse audiences
   2. ARC: Had good midterm review, reviewers asked about how the site was addressing diversity in RET recruitment, 1 reviewer was tasked with talking to the education rep
   3. PIE: Thanks for offer to help with data nuggets. Course is not running but appreciates the support.
   4. HFR:The twittering tree will launch next Wednesday! It will tweet 4 times a week. <https://twitter.com/awitnesstree>

For the tweeters among us, here is a bit more info about our twittering tree project, and a request for feedback: 10 informal "focus group" questions to help us nuance the tree's messages to reach educator audiences. We'd welcome your input!! https://twitter.com/HarvardForest/status/1144285424866611200

* 1. BES: Persevering despite morale challenges, 8 high school students, have chemistry and hydrology projects continuing
  2. NES: submitted for a workshop Carlton for EDDIE module development work, take live access data system and create module for primarily undergraduate classrooms

1. EOC Meeting Schedule (NOTE DAY OF WEEK CHANGE TO THURSDAYS)
   1. **August 8th (note shift in date)**
   2. September 5th
   3. October 3rd
   4. November 7th