1 Dec 2015  
MC meeting

1. Decide topic of next Monthly meeting.
   1. Dec 8th at 2 pm AST, 1 pm EST
   2. Jane Willenburg (UPenn) will give a talk on the field campaign being planned for Jan 2016 - using the Rio Blanco knickpoints to test the influence of nutrient limitation on canopy height and forest composition
   3. Mike will give a summary of the accomplishments of the ASM workshop and subsequent meetings on understanding cumulative impacts of high energy storms on ecosystems.
   4. Review January meeting agenda and plan
2. Review agenda and goals for January meeting.
   1. Jess reviewed the agenda with the group and will revise with some of the suggestions listed below
   2. Timeslots are given to working groups from each hypothesis. Attendance from those who are not in the working group is not required, which allows time for ad hoc meetings.
3. Have us institutionalize a group photo of meeting participants at every annual meeting.
   1. Added to meeting agenda
4. Consider a field trip as part of the Jan 2016 meeting.
   1. Field trip possible to proposed stream drought site. Could also go to CTE plot C2 if people are interested.
5. Consider having a future annual meeting outside of Puerto Rico (purpose being getting to know other facilities that might be available for the project via off island principal investigators).
   1. Would not be every year, maybe every 3 or 6. Would be nice to work on synthesis in a different setting and get to explore other sites
   2. Mike would consider hosting at UCONN with a possible visit to Harvard Forest
   3. Travel funding could be an issue
   4. Would be helpful in connecting with other LTER sites if ASM does not continue
6. Consider having a break-in or check-in or check-out session during the Jan 2016 meeting (using a non traditional format; where people candidly report on their impressions or feelings about a topic).
   1. Would help to make the meeting more fun, as well as foster better group dynamics and personal interaction
   2. Suggestions for activities should be sent to Jess so he can find an appropriate time to schedule it during the meeting
7. Other comments
   1. Mike suggested adding a values statement to the “about us” section on the website and also suggested updating the “personnel” terminology to reflect what is used in the proposal.
      1. Any feedback or suggestions about the website should be sent to Jess, Sarah, and Eda
   2. We would like to hold a competition to help design a logo for the site
      1. The chosen logo will merely help inform the development of a logo from a professional designer to avoid being stuck with a “sucky” design ☺
   3. Mike suggested using abstracts from LTER publications to build word clouds
      1. Sarah made one from the 2015 abstracts

Next MC meeting: December 15, 2 pm AST 1 pm EST.  
In person MC meeting January 11th, 3 pm AST