

RII 3 (Track 1) Management Team Meeting
December 2, 2010
2:00-3:30 via GoToMeeting

Minutes

In attendance:

Bill Michener, Mary Jo Daniel, Al Rango, Joe Galewsky, Mike Pullin, Karl Benedict, Anya Dozier-Enos, John Wilson, Anna Espinoza, Sam Fernald, Anna Morrato, Laura Arguelles

Tri-State Meeting

Mary Jo reviewed the response to her request for suggested Tri-State Meeting session topics (and volunteer moderators) and noted that there was only one response from a NM student researcher; the other 11 suggested sessions came from ID and NV project personnel. After discussion, 3 additional session topics were added to the list; Mary Jo will communicate with volunteer moderators to further develop the meeting agenda. Suggestions for keynote speakers were also provided; Mary Jo and Bill will follow up on those as well.

NM EPSCoR Data Policy

Bill and Karl will gather and review a few relevant data policies (LTER, other EPSCoR states) as well as the Data Policy that was included in the NM EPSCoR RII3 proposal to NSF. The goal is to have a plan that can address the unique data issues arising in working with community partners that will protect the interests of those collaborators while maintaining appropriate access to data generated using public dollars (NSF funds). Bill and Karl will initiate the process, but researchers from the 3 Western Consortium states will need to provide input about anticipated data access issues.

NM EPSCoR Website updates

Mary Jo briefly reviewed the revised NMEPSCoR website. The revisions are intended to target the site to a broader general audience, beyond project personnel. Initial pages have less scientific jargon and more general content, but project personnel are encouraged to provide "Read More" content for the Science focus tab so that interested visitors can learn more about the science activities and science questions being investigated in each of the components. Students could be encouraged to write sections that can be added to the science component pages. Send all additional content or suggestions for website enhancements to Laura Arguelles (larguelles@nmespcor.net) or Mary Jo.

Reporting Portal

Within the "For Researchers" tab of the website is a link to the Reporting Portal. This is the mechanism that will be used for Track 1 annual reporting required by

NSF and replaces the spreadsheets that have been used in the past. There is a Help Document provided on the website in this area. All component leads are strongly encouraged to login to the portal and begin providing Year 3 data. The data that have already been entered can be updated/corrected using the Edit tab. ALL STUDENTS BEING PAID BY EPSCoR (RII 3) MUST BE ENTERED ASAP.

For help or additional information, please contact Laura Arguelles (larguelles@nmepscor.net or 505.814.7599).

Follow-up actions from previous Management Team and Science meetings

An abbreviated review of action items from summer science meetings led to a discussion of difficulties John Wilson is having in accessing the NM supercomputing resources. Bill will follow up with the NMCAC about this. Collaborative meetings to discuss instrumentation placement are ongoing. AI is going to identify a new contact at NRCS to facilitate continued collaboration regarding sustaining weather stations. A NMT/NMSU workshop on catchment/snow runoff planned for fall 2010 has been postponed to 2011. John Wilson will document the work being done with GSFlow and coupled ParFlow/WRF modeling.

Evaluation Report (Year 2) Findings and Recommendations

Not discussed. The Evaluation report is available on the EPSCoR site, under the For Researchers tab, EPSCoR Reports (<http://nmepscor.org/content/epscor-reports>).

External Advisory Board Recommendations (interim report)

The EAB interim report response was very positive; there were 3 recommendations provided: clarify science research questions, articulate a sustainability plan, connect research efforts with others being undertaken nationally. The final report will be posted on the EPSCoR website when it is received.

UROP Students for summer

Mike Pullin requests project personnel to commit to hosting 2 UROP students for summer research projects.

NSF Day—March 17, 2011

Mark your calendars!

Seed Grant Awards

Mary Jo presented a summary of the review committee recommendations and comments; the Management Team concurred with the recommendations. Notifications will be sent out by the State Office.