

NM EPSCoR Management Team Meeting (conference call)
September 22, 2010
8:00 am to 9:15 am

In attendance: Mike Pullin, Al Rango, Sam Fernald, Lorie Liebrock, Anna Espinoza, Karl Benedict, Laura Crossey, Anya Dozier Enos, anie Chermak, Joe Galewsky, Bill Michener, Mary Jo Daniel

All Hands Meeting, 10/18: draft agenda was reviewed and discussed. The team agreed that Al Rango will moderate the morning Panel Discussion. Panelists will each prepare no more than 2 Power Point slides of content and may add one slide of photos. Each panelist will give a brief (5 minute) review of progress to date. Al will facilitate Q&A with the audience and between panelists. Panelists are: Sam Fernald (Hydrology and Acequias), Joe Galewsky (climate models), Mike Pullin (Diversity), Laura Crossey (Water Chemistry/Quality), Janie Chermak (Socioeconomics/System Dynamics), Anna Espinoza (K-12 Education, including Track 2), Renzo Sanchez-Silva (Cyberinfrastructure), Jessica Sapunar-Jursich (Public Outreach), John Wilson (surface hydrology/models).

The afternoon groups will be allowed to form “organically” with some assistance (as needed) by Bill and a few others who will discuss during a break what small groups appear to be emerging.

All Team members were encouraged to register on the website (<http://nmepscor.org/content/nm-epscor-conferences-meetings>) and get students, post docs and collaborators to register. Students and K-12 teachers are encouraged to participate in the poster session. Bill noted that this will be a good opportunity to encourage our NSF Program Officer to hold the anticipated site review at/near a study site, rather than in an office at UNM or other university.

Mary Jo agreed to send out an EPSCoR PPT template for standard formatting; slides are due back to her by October 11. She will also send out guidance on the posters.

Seed Proposals: Proposals are due November 10; review needs to be completed by early December for an award start date of January 1 (or close to), 2011. Karl Benedict, Anya Dozier Enos, and Sam Fernald agreed to participate in the review. Mary Jo will ask Amanda White or Nico Marrero from NM Tech to participate as well.

External Advisory Board 10/25/10: A subset of the component leads will present information to the EAB in the morning and early afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Mary Jo will send out a more detailed schedule shortly.

Education and Outreach Progress Meeting: Anna Espinoza asked about scheduling an education and outreach progress meeting, similar to the science

meetings held this summer. Mary Jo agreed to send out a Doodle Scheduler poll to try to find a date before the AHM.

Laura Crossey mentioned that she will be working with teachers from the summer institute on how to use data sets effectively on November 6. She asked that there be a place on the NM EPSCoR site for teacher resources; Mary Jo said this was already in the works.

Subawards and Reporting: Subawards for Year 3 are in process; most have been sent to the subaward institutions for review and signature; we are waiting for them to be returned. There are additional fiscal reporting requirements in the Special Terms and Conditions to provide more detailed information to the State Office. Also, the reporting portal for project information required for the Annual Report is being tested and should be ready for use soon.

Announcements

AAAS Review: Bill described the plan for the AAAS Review, scheduled for November 16-18. The review will provide an opportunity to solicit thoughtful, informed input on possible science focus areas for the next (RII 4) EPSCoR proposal.

VCNP Forest Restoration Grant: the VCNP was awarded nearly \$80 million over the next 10 years. Bob Parmenter was not able to attend the conference call; more information to follow.

LANL Graduate Seminar/Workshop: Todd Ringler has proposed to change the planned distance seminar course into a face-to-face summer workshop for 2011 to avoid issues with cross-institution enrollment and support that arose in discussions of the distance-delivery course. Todd was unable to attend the conference call; more information to follow.

Faculty Leadership Workshop: Dates are January 4-6; location is the VCNP Science and Education Center in Jemez Springs. Application materials will be sent out soon.

NSF Day: Date is March 17, 2011; location is Embassy Suites in Albuquerque. NSF sets the agenda, but we will need everyone's help to spread the word to ensure adequate attendance.

State Committee Meeting: The State Committee met on September 20 in Las Cruces. There were a few suggested revisions to the Diversity Plan that will be incorporated before it is presented to the CUP. Al Rango and Sam Fernald gave a great presentation on their EPSCoR-supported research, which generated interest by several committee members. Sam asked for follow-up on a question about how to involve LANL interns in the summer research. Mary Jo will ask Nan Sauer and Kurt Steinhaus for more information.