

Terms of Reference

LTER IMC Governance Working Group (GWG)

Approved by _____ on _____

Background

The committee was established by the Information Management Executive Board (IMExec) and approved by consensus by the Information Management Committee (IMC) at their annual meeting in 2007.

Purpose

The working group purpose is to identify how we govern ourselves and how decisions have been made in the past.

Activities

Meetings

Meetings will be as needed, frequently held in conjunction with other LTER meetings or by remote.

Agenda

An agenda is created prior to scheduled meetings.

Reporting

IMExec will be informed periodically of our activities, and there will be periodic reporting back to the IMC.

Tasks

Materials will be generated for foster discussion on governance.
Recommendations will be made to the IMC.

Organization

Membership

Initial membership was identified at the time of formation. Additional members may be added at the discretion of the existing committee.

Roles and Lengths of Term

A chair and cochair were identified at time of working group formation. Henceforth, it will be decided ??within the working group.

No length of term has been established for chairs or members.

Subgroups

No subgroups have been designated.

Actions

Actions generally are by consensus.

Budget and Expenses

No official budget exists for the working group.

Modifications

These rules of order may be amended by vote of majority of members.

Note: name options

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Statement of operation

Articles of assembly

Rules of order

By-laws