

Meeting of the IMExec hosted by Zoom

January 3, 2018

Attendees: G. Gastil-Buhl (chair), M. Downs (NCO), S. Earl, J. Downing, S. Remillard (notetaker), W. Sheldon (EB rep.)

Discussion regarding finalizing 'Guidelines for LTER Information Management Systems

Most recent draft is V2.0_20170214.

We wordsmithed the document (Gastil)

Next steps: Needs a new draft number (V2.1_20180103). Wade will let EB know we addressed those 2 comments. We will also let IMC know that it was approved by EB on 12/20/2017 with the two desired modifications. We should also post this final copy to IMC and NCO websites.

Link to the 2.1 here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1juzJuvTy_afNZsVPLJPju-veavao2ZLT7MYhx05dTDY/edit?usp=sharing

December VWC on ASM Planning briefing:

John Porter took notes and Corinna made a lot of comments. Not many people were able to attend in person. We should revisit the topic. Discussion about what topics would be good to incorporate with scientists, like ClimDB. (see VWC [notes](#)).

Information exchange, strategic exchange. The institutional data process will become clear once the new LTER website is live.

We should revisit this topic in February.

Strategic planning for IMC:

EDI and NCO have reached places where they've figured out their directions and focus. IMC needs to decide how we support their work and their renewals. There has been a huge amount of collective effort during the transition from LNO to EDI and NCO.

Example of work that EDI has done in collaboration with scientists is the work on community type data. How can LTER sites begin to work with this new database design?

We need to begin to take action to use the products that EDI is working on. That is what NSF will be evaluating at a renewal.

Upcoming Virtual Watercoolers (VWC):

January VWC - Marty would like feedback on the new website. This topic may help direct our next discussion about ASM and annual meeting.

February VWC - Continued ASM Planning; strategic planning ideas for IMC.

Suzanne will send VWC message today.

EB Report (Wade):

Discrimination policy; most sites use institution policy (progress)

Updates on Science Council venue; thematic area discussion (inorganic carbon); NTL in May; meeting format may change (business vs. science); need to determine balance

NCO News (Marty):

NCO is doing a webinar on current active synthesis groups (6 over the spring).

Working Groups in Trello Board:

No need to go through them. No activity known.

Next IMEXEC meeting on Tuesday, January 30th at 1 pm PST.