

## **Meeting of the IMExec hosted by Zoom**

**2017-10-24**

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

### **EB report**

Marty regarding support for future IM meetings: \$25K to support IM meeting each year, with the rest split among other activities.

There will be funding for seven people per site for the ASM, one of whom should be the IM from the site, but the IMs should draw on the \$25K in annual IM support so that the site IM does not have to use one of the seven supported slots from each site.

### **Working group reports**

#### Data checks ECC

Have not met. Will present at the November water cooler.

#### DEIMS

No report from the group but, somewhat related, EDI will host DEIMS-related information sessions.

#### LTER sites websites

Will meet Oct 30 to complete editing the guidelines based on input received from web survey.

Gastil asked what input Marty would like from IMExec regarding the web survey? Marty responded that the level of detail to include in the guidelines would be helpful. The website group is trying to be specific without being prescriptive. Which common practices would be helpful?

Suzanne suggested that the working group should consider the survey results before IMExec weighs in on the results.

Wade concurs that this should still be in the purview of the working group.

#### Terms of Reference

Don hosted an informative and well-attended VTC on this topic.

Dan Bahauddin noted in an email to Don (and IMExec) that he had some concerns that the voting could be coopted through filibuster-type tactics.

Suzanne suggested that this discussion is still in the purview of the Terms of Reference working group.

IMExec will review the IMExec section (section 5) of the proposed, new by-laws, and leave the working group to consider Dan's observations.

Wade reiterated that there is a temporal problem in that his EB rep position ends in 2018 but that the rep should be available to attend science council - the timing of these things are at a mis-match. Wade suggested that one option is to have an off-cycle election for a new EB rep. Alternatively, Wade indicated and will suggest to Don that the by-laws should be amended such that new EB reps do not start until after the science council meeting to avoid having a new rep attending science council meeting. In that case, we could avoid having a special election. So, generally, there would be some overlap between the out-going and in-coming EB reps such that the out-going EB rep will attend science council but the new EB will be on-board at that time as they will start immediately after elected at a regular IMC meeting. Wade will make the appropriate suggestions to the By-Laws working group.

#### WiRED

Margaret provided a document that details the WiRED group's activities. There is progress toward the goal of the working group, though they have not met for a while and are due to regroup.

#### **LTER branding in data set citation:**

Hap wrote to IMExec expressing some concern about the lack of LTER branding in data set citations and has asked IMExec to consider it.

Gastil suggested that an option is to include LTER in the title, though this is overloading.

Wade suggesting that we want to be sure that attribution is noted as appropriate. Pointed out that a data set DOI will ultimately lead to the data set of which there is ample opportunity to include references to LTER. So long as the attribution to LTER is present in the metadata record, that is sufficient and appropriate.

Jason suggested that there is confusion owing to nearly identical portals (i.e., LTER and EDI), and there is further confusion as the doi references EDI regardless of the portal accessed. Margaret in the background noted that the reference through the LTER portal now does resolve to the LTER portal.

Marty asking if we need to have a discussion with EDI about this issue?

Suzanne suggested we should have a conversation with EDI about the terminology that we should be using, e.g., is there a NIS?

Wade: "the LTER data portal hosted by the EDI"

IMExec will respond that LTER data sets do now resolve to the LTER data portal.

Wade pointed out that these (LTER and EDI portals) are in fact two different systems, so distinguishing between LTER vs EDI data portals is appropriate.

### **new public website for LTER**

NCO has asked IMExec to either test the beta website or recruit testers. The beta is expected to be released in November.

Gastil suggests putting out a call for volunteers to test.

Suzanne: what is the structure, what will the sites need to keep up to date, how will we learn all those details?

Marty responding to Suzanne that we have talked about the general structure, and that there will be emails going out about the roll-out.

Marty suggested that one workflow could be to get testers up and running in November, roll out in December, then have a water cooler to discuss how it has been received and get feedback on potential changes.

Marty would like six testers to work with the beta website; Gastil suggested that testers should be a mix of new and seasoned IMs to get different perspectives; Marty would like IMExec to recommend volunteers.

Marty will contact the following individuals to invite them to test the beta website:

Dan

Hope

John Porter

Stace

Tim

Chris Turner

Kris Hall

WiRED committee (but only Brian Herndon)

**Kris Hall (new IM for SEV) has inquired about on-boarding**

**Marty has suggested that we remind the IM community that there is a LTER Slack channel.**

Gastil has suggested that we should indeed remind IMs of this resource, and point out when some email conversations would be better served by Slack

Marty has suggested that Slack could be useful for some of the committees.

Some consensus that we should not push it if people are not finding it useful. Wade suggested that the use of Slack could be case-by-case (or topic-by-topic).

Jason will send an email to the IMC reminding them of the LTER Slack channel.

### **Organizational chart**

Some key points:

- The science council is made up of all Pls.
- NCO and EDI coordinate and support.
- The encompassing blue box on the right is LTER governance.
- NCO and EDI support the synthesis groups
- Feedback indicated that the org chart should feature ONLY formal connections, hence a possible seeming lack of connectivity - thus proximity, rather than actual connectors, implies some connection
- There are 28 bars but names were purposefully omitted

Marty asked to consider ways to make the connections more explicit, but we need to be careful of not creating a spaghetti diagram.

IMExec provided comments regarding superficial graphical issue, but generally provided a positive review of the proposed chart.

### **Trello**

There will be a single document as a draft agenda for the next IM Exec meeting, and we will use the Trello cards as action items/support only.

**Wade is drafting a request for comment regarding proposed CC0 for controlled vocabulary.**

**Google Drive is stable, only the desktop application is being pulled by Alphabet.**

**Jason asked if Marty could provide a packet with the new LTER logos and branding.**