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This page is provides for nominees to IM Exec to put statements concerning their reasons for being willing to serve on IM Exec from 2014 through 2017. Nominees should place a brief statement below using the example format.

IMC Exec - Full Term

-- Jonathan Walsh

For a while I needed to really buckle down back at the Baltimore Ecosystem Study site to get our metadata PASTA compliant, and as a result, needed to scale back on participation with network related work. I was reluctant to do such a thing but I had no choice.

I now have some opportunity and feel some obligation to resume working more with network activities. Clearly, serving on IMExec is a great way to do that, as IMExec has a bird's-eye view of the activities of the IM network.

This is a unique time for LTER Information Management. The transition of the structure and function of the Network Office is going to be interesting and potentially challenging. I'm willing to give extra time and energy to these things now that things are in better shape back in Baltimore. Thanks!

-- Yang Xia

I appreciate the opportunity to be nominated to serve the IMC on IM-Exec. I have been involved with the LTER since 2001 when I was a graduate student at the Jornada LTER studying plant ecology. I became interested in information management while working as a research scientist at the Sevilleta LTER, where my duties included quality assuring and documenting core long-term datasets. In 2010, I joined the IM team at LNO and have participated in several IM Exec meetings and workshops where I gained a significantly better understanding of network information management needs and understanding of the LTER program's goals. During my years at LNO I have also been involved with the development of LTER ClimDB, SiteDB and PersonnelDB. Now, with my experience at LNO and in my current position at KNZ IM, I would like to increase my contributions to the group of IMs by serving on IMEXEC. I think this is very good opportunity to be more engaged and involved with the IM community, and less isolated within my own LTER site.

IMC Exec - One Year Term

-- Hope Humphries


I am honored to be nominated to serve on IM-EXEC and would welcome the opportunity to make a contribution during this time of change for the LTER and the IM community. I have been NWT's IM since 2009. I was a Databits editor last year, have been a member of the GIS Working Group,

and have attended all IMC meetings since 2009. I have also been involved in various ecological research projects at NWT from 1989 to the present. As I approach the end of my IM career, some of my research obligations are also winding down, allowing me greater time to focus on IM concerns.

-- Jason Downing

I have had the pleasure to serve on IMEXEC for the last three years. In that time I have found the position to be a very educational and rewarding experience. I have enjoyed the opportunity to interact more closely with the LTER leadership and other information managers as we work to move forward in a continually changing environment. Even though the commitment requires additional effort I believe that the benefits are profound for both my site and my professional development; all that in addition to the numerous accomplishments that have improved information management for LTER and our broader informatics community. I would be honored to have the opportunity to serve for an additional year and continue with the work that we have been conducting.

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