

**ESIP Federation
Executive Committee
September 14, 2006**

Participants:

Sam Bacharach; Karl Benedict; Howard Burrows; Bruce Caron; Chuck Hutchinson; Marty Landsfeld; Tamara Ledley; Chris Lenhardt; Carol Meyer; Rob Raskin; Tom Yunck; Dick Wertz

I. Adoption of Minutes

Tom Yunck made a motion to adopt the minutes as drafted, with Tamara Ledley seconding the motion. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

II. Update

NASA Developments

Chuck Hutchinson, Dick Wertz, Carol Meyer met with NASA in late August. (Martha Maiden, Frank Lindsay, Marty Frederick, Lawrence Friedl)

- Discussed support for on-going activities and new resources for support of work for the clusters/communities of practice.
- NASA seemed receptive.
- Cluster work seems to be a way to help NASA to link up to other agencies.

EPA Developments

- EPA seems to be coming along, especially in the areas of air and water.
- Partnership agreement is on the horizon.
- Follow up meeting with Steve Young in late September.

Cluster Developments

- Met with Air Quality team, NASA, and EPA representatives.
 - Goal will be to link the Air Quality cluster work to the US GEO near-term opportunity on Air Quality.
 - A framework to move this ahead is being drafted.
- Met with Water Management Chair, Paul Houser
 - Interested in similar framework as Air Quality.
 - A pilot project in the Shenandoah River valley is being explored.
 - Drought is a US GEO near-term opportunity with NOAA taking the leading in setting up a National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS).

Winter Meeting Developments

- Venue selected: Embassy Suites Downtown Portland
 - January 3-5, 2007
- Theme chosen: Matching Near-Term Opportunities with Solutions
 - Convergence of Technical and Cluster activities
 - Output of this will include demonstrations at Winter meeting
 - Web services & Interoperability services to be linked to cluster activities.
 - Technical and Applications sessions will be alternated at Winter Meeting
- Clusters and Technical activities already converging through IT&I Committee
 - Future interactions are planned leading up to the January meeting

III. Consideration of Draft Procedures for Adopting Policy

- Carol Meyer provided an overview of the draft document that was requested by the Executive Committee in August
- The document addresses three potential areas where the ESIP Federation might be asked to get involved with policy and/or position statements:
 1. External initiatives that promote good-of-the-order activities and for which an ESIP Federation endorsement or statement of support is sought. (e.g. International Years)
 2. Federation-driven position statements that reflect the general sense of our community. (e.g. data systems interoperability; interagency dialogue; continued funding for research activities; strategic plan)
 3. Federation-driven policies that are binding on members (e.g. Dues; Standards)
- Chris Lenhardt suggested that the document in its present form would not be the best way to circulate the concept to the Assembly.
 - Carol Meyer agreed to separate the draft procedures from the background language for the next telecon.
- Howard Burrows noted that partners can speak as individuals and that the Executive Committee can speak as a body.
- Dick Wertz noted that his understanding is that every ESIP partner should be able to propose endorsements, position statements and policies.
- The Committee is asked to review the draft procedures and the Electronic Geophysical Year Declaration within 10 days and sent comments to Carol Meyer.

Such requests

IV. Other Business

- Next Meeting, October 12, 2006