

**ESIP Federation
Executive Committee
April 12, 2007**

Participants: Jeff Arnfield; Karl Benedict; Howard Burrows; LuAnn Dahlman; Chuck Hutchinson; Tamara Ledley; Chris Lenhardt; Carol Meyer; Jami Montgomery; Rob Raskin; Dick Wertz

1. Adoption of March Minutes

Karl Benedict made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Jami Montgomery. The amended minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Executive Director's Report

Fundraising Status

An unsolicited proposal has been submitted to NASA, where it will undergo a peer review process. We are guardedly optimistic that all will go as hoped for as it moves through the process. Frank Lindsay is helping to shepherd the proposal through NASA.

The NOAA budget is expected to be approved by April 13. Chuck Hutchinson & Dick Wertz are meeting with Mary Kicza in early May.

EPA has approved a transfer of \$45,000 for the ESIP Federation. The money will be appended to a NASA cooperative agreement or issued as a pass-through.

The contingency plan can be supported through mid-June. Support staff and bills continue to be paid.

Rob Raskin reported on the submission of an NSF/NSDL proposal that he is leading on behalf of the ESIP Federation. The proposal would support the creation of the Education Center of the Earth Information Exchange and the creation of an Education DAAC.

Chris Lenhardt inquired about the NSF Cyberinfrastructure Program and its potential for Federation funding. He noted that the Cyberinfrastructure Program is particularly interested in the social aspects of cyberinfrastructure and the Federation might serve as a laboratory for this. He pointed out that he might be interested in linking the ESIP Federation to Syracuse University or the University of Michigan and their schools of communication.

3. Consideration of Proposal to Sell Non-partner Products on ESIP Federation website
Summer Meeting Agenda Update

The Executive Committee continued its consideration of whether it should allow non-member products to be sold on its e-commerce site. Several points were raised:

- Institute a review process (are products consistent with their descriptions; consistent with goals of Federation; content review?)
- ESIP Federation provides no endorsements

- Require a disclaimer noting that we derive a benefit from the sales but that we have no responsibility for the content of these products
- Highlight partner products as being ESIP Federation members v. those offered by non-members (The issue was raised that no differentiation of products could dilute the benefit of membership.)
- It was pointed out that a search for non-member products could result in sales of ESIP Federation member products as well

4. Summer Meeting Update

- A number of Workshops & Breakout Sessions have been proposed. We're working to get more posted to the wiki.
- Speaker Invitations Have Been Issued (Barron Orr; Steve Ackerman; Teresa Fryberger; Mary Kicza; Ted Habermann)
- ESIP Type Reps will be asked to convene their caucuses to recruit for Administrative Committee slots prior to the summer meeting.

5. Other Business

Jeff Arnfield going to GOS training in Denver; was interested to know if there have been any problems with the GOS/EIE Gateway; he will contact John Kozimor

Dick Wertz will follow up with Pat Huff on the NOAA/NESDIS inventory efforts.

Next meeting is Thursday, May 10, 2007.