

**ESIP Federation  
Executive Committee  
February 8, 2007**

**Participants: Jeff Arnfield; Howard Burrows; Bruce Caron; LuAnn Dahlman; Danny Hardin; Chuck Hutchinson; Chris Lenhardt; Jami Montgomery; Margaret Mooney; Carol Meyer; Rob Raskin; Dick Wertz; Tom Yunck**

I. Adoption of Minutes

LuAnn Dahlman made a motion (seconded by Bruce Caron) to adopt the minutes as drafted. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

II. Progress Report on Outreach and Funding

Chuck Hutchinson reported that he and Dick Wertz met with NOAA, EPA and USGS earlier this week. Progress also has been reported on a new cooperative agreement with NASA. The NASA data systems group is leading the way for NASA with a \$200,000 set aside and is waiting for the NASA Applications group to finalize its plan for support to the ESIP Federation. A meeting with Teresa Fryberger (NASA Applications head) will take place late February. The paperwork for the first \$200,000 has been initiated.

Hutchinson and Wertz met with Steve Young and Ed Washburn of EPA. EPA will initially support the ESIP Federation with \$45,000 this year (as a supplement to the NASA agreement) and will consider a full strategic partner contribution for FY 08.

Hutchinson and Wertz met with Mary Kicza (new NOAA/NESDIS Administrator). She was interested in having the ESIP Federation become a NOAA community sounding board. NOAA is interested in continuing to fund the ESIP Federation and will move things forward once the agency's continuing resolution has been adopted.

Hutchinson and Wertz met with Bruce Jones (Chief Scientist of Geography Division) at USGS. Bruce Jones will follow up with his director, Barbara Ryan, to discuss a possible strategic relationship with the ESIP Federation.

As a result of the winter ESIP Federation meeting, Hutchinson, Raskin & Wertz have been invited to give a briefing to the National Science Foundation's Office of Cyberinfrastructure on March 8.

ESRI would like to get re-engaged with the ESIP Federation. ESRI would like to present some of the things it is doing with JPL at the summer meeting.

III. Summer Meeting Strategic Objectives

Planning has begun for the summer meeting in Madison, Wisconsin. It is recognized that the ESIP Federation has competing needs among its members, sponsors and by the organization itself. Chris Lenhardt asked if a theme had emerged. Rob

Raskin had proposed the theme "Sustainability", which has many possible dimensions to it (planet; ESIP Federation; research money; commercial dimension). There seemed to be consensus that this was a good theme, with the idea that the sub-themes could be drawn out and specified. Howard Burrows noted that use cases are needed to help drive the process of delivering data to users, with the possibility of inviting some users to the meeting to share their side of the story.

Bruce Caron suggested that the Meeting Visioneering Working Group have a meeting in a couple of weeks to drill down deeper into meeting format. The summer meeting will be the annual technical meeting.

Winter 2008 meeting likely will be in the DC area, in a hotel environment, with good plenary speakers.

#### IV. Other Business

A draft of the China-US document has been circulated by John Townshend and among his Chinese counterparts. The venture is moving slowly forward.

Add Jeff Arnfield to the ESIP Federation web site as chair of the Products and Services Committee.

Check out the Airlie.com in Warrenton, Virginia for future DC-area meetings. Several other conference facilities were mentioned (Potomac, Annapolis, Wye River), along with George Mason University and the University of Maryland.

Next telecon is Friday, March 9.