

**ESIP Federation
Executive Committee
March 9, 2007**

Participants: Karl Benedict; Howard Burrows; Bruce Caron; Luann Dahlman; Kathy Fontaine (NASA guest); Chuck Hutchinson; Tamara Ledley; Frank Lindsay; Carol Meyer; Jami Montgomery; Rob Raskin; Jenny Watkins; Dick Wertz

I. The February 2007 minutes were adopted by a unanimous vote.

II. Status Report on Funding Activities

Chuck Hutchinson and Dick Wertz met with Teresa Fryberger, Martha Maiden, Frank Lindsay and Ed Sheffner this week to discuss NASA's continued financial support of the ESIP Federation. Overall, the meeting was positive with the new NASA agreement progressing. Further talks will occur to move the process along.

Dick Wertz reported on the status of the second year of the NOAA services contract. He noted that no funds have been transferred yet, with details of the larger NOAA budget still being decided. Action is anticipated by the end of March, with a follow up meeting at NOAA/NESDIS with Mary Kicza scheduled for March 28.

Chuck Hutchinson, Rob Raskin and Dick Wertz provided a briefing to NSF's Cyberinfrastructure program and had meetings with various NSF staff teams. The meeting was positive, with a sense that NSF is looking to the ESIP Federation model as something they might like to replicate.

For FY 2007, EPA has transferred its financial commitment paperwork to NASA in support of the ESIP Federation. The EPA money will piggyback on the NASA cooperative agreement, once in place. In the future, EPA will work directly with the Federation.

There has been no follow up meeting with USGS but contact has been maintained contact. Continued cultivation will occur in the coming months.

III. Summer Meeting Update

Carol Meyer provided a report on the meeting venue noting that arrangements have been made directly through the University of Wisconsin. Both meetings and lodging will occur on the campus. The Space Science and Engineering Center of the University of Wisconsin will act as host for the meeting through its staff of Steve Ackerman, Margaret Mooney and Tommy Jasmin. The meeting format will be a hybrid of plenary, technical workshops and breakout discussion sessions. Several speakers have been identified and are being approached.

Bruce Caron encouraged Executive Committee members to take a leadership role in the summer meeting. He urged Type Reps to communicate with their constituents and for others to lead and/or talk breakout sessions up. Anyone can sign up to present a session at http://wiki.esipfed.org/index.php/Session_Topics_Proposal_Page

The breakout sessions on July 19 are in keeping with the spirit of the ESIP Federation. The sessions are member driven and are representative of topics that

members wish to present. Bruce Caron is exploring the possibility of getting a facilitator for the summer meeting.

The USGEO ADM Committee is exploring the possibility of having an all-day meeting on July 19 in conjunction with the ESIP Federation meeting. Kathy Fontaine will work with Bruce and Carol to implement what the ADM wants. The ADM meeting will be featured as part of the overall meeting agenda.

Santa Barbara was mentioned as a possible location for the Summer 2008 meeting.

IV. Jump Starting E-commerce

Carol Meyer reported that a non-partner company would like to sell products through the ESIP Federation website. Each sale would result in some income for the Federation. The ESIP Federation would cover the credit card transaction costs but fulfillment would be done by the producer.

The products are Earth Science educational in nature but have not been evaluated. The Executive Committee was concerned about the quality of products that would be offered, how to review them and whether simply giving them space on the website store would be an implied endorsement. Howard Burrows suggested that the Commercial Development Committee evaluate this. Also, Carol Meyer was to follow up with the vendor and get references.