

**ESIP Federation
Executive Committee
March 19, 2009**

Attendees: Ruth Duerr, Jim Frew, Michael Goodman, Patricia Huff, Chuck Hutchinson, Marilyn Kaminski, Chris Lenhardt, Carol Meyer, Rob Raskin

1. Adoption of Minutes

Adoption of the minutes was tabled until the April meeting because a quorum was not established at the start of the meeting.

2. Report on DC Trip to Agency Sponsors

Last week, Jim Frew, Chris Lenhardt and Carol Meyer visited the ESIP Federation's sponsors. The day started with a visit to NOAA, where the three met with Charlie Baker, Chuck Wooldridge, Patricia Huff and Nina Jackson. The conversation was very cordial, with NOAA seemingly pleased with its relationship with the ESIP Federation. They value the cross-agency activities and community access, are interested in conducting education workshops at the summer meeting and are looking for ways the ESIP Federation might assist them with an agency-wide user outreach and engagement program. There is interest in the summer meeting and all that is being planned (especially data preservation and stewardship workshops and FUNding Friday).

NOAA would like to see the ESIP Federation provide better information about the outcomes/outputs of what it does. Stories, accomplishments, and any successes need to be documented and communicated to NOAA.

The second meeting was at EPA, which was organized and facilitated by Steve Young. A number of EPA employees were there representing different groups (OEI, ORD, AAAS Fellows, OSA) and there was much interest in exploring ways to work with the ESIP Federation. The meeting was conversational in tone, with many ideas being floated. No clear steps forward were identified but there is a desire on both sides to begin to get EPA more involved in the ESIP Federation.

The final meeting in the DC trip was at NASA where the ESIP entourage met with Martha Maiden, Lawrence Friedl and Steve Berrick. Steve Berrick is NASA's new point of contact for the ESIP Federation. NASA appears pleased with what the ESIP Federation is doing. Lawrence Friedl was interested in how the ESIP Federation might support GEO activities, especially a recent call to assist the developing world in using data tools and products. The ESIP Federation's Water Cluster might be in a position to respond to the GEO call. Lawrence also invited Jim Frew to participate on the NASA FACA group for applied science that is forming.

Throughout the meetings, a few common themes emerged:

- The ESIP Federation is a valuable venue for coordinating inter-agency activities, discussions.
- The ESIP Federation should involve social scientists in its activities.

- The ESIP Federation should move forward with developing interest in a data management professional development activity.

3. Meeting Update

The ESIP Federation summer meeting is coming together nicely. The registration system is ready to activate. The only holdback is having a more well-defined agenda in place. The Information Technology and Interoperability Committee is planning a day of technical workshop and a technology showcase. The Education Committee is coordinating 2 days of teacher workshops. The Air Quality Working Group likely will coordinate 2 days of meetings. The Data Preservation and Stewardship Cluster also is planning 2 days of meetings. Ruth Duerr, Chair of the Cluster, joined the March telecon to describe what the Cluster is planning to do at the meeting. The Cluster has divided its activities into several themes:

- Existing preservation technologies (commercial and open source), workflow and provenance tools (workshops and technology showcase)
- Standards (preservation standards, formats)
- The Data Preservation Field (what are other non-ES fields doing with large scale data management) – Library of Congress, NARA, Ecology, Biology, NSF Provenance, Alexandria Digital Library, NCIS
- Provenance context workshop for Earth science – where we are, what the gaps are, how to move forward – output would be a report

Registration will open by April 1.

4. Other Business

Carol Meyer reported that very little interest was noted in participating in any of the Strategic Planning subgroups. Since the Executive Committee meets monthly, strategic implementation issues will be address by the Executive Committee during its regular telecons.

Carol Meyer was asked to participate on the GEO User Interface Committee as a result of the meeting at NASA.