

1 February 2005

10:00-12:00 EST

MAREO Executive Committee Conference Call Notes by Eric Nagy

Call hosted by Francisco Dallmeier

Participants:

Eric Nagy

Jack Webster

Francisco Dallmeier

Mike Bass

Brent Yarna

Pat Magonical

Bob Gardner

Mike Reiter

Chris Jones

Mary Beth Adams

Could not participate:

Mark Lukenbach

Mike Bowers

Anthony S. Overton

Proposed Agenda:

Mid-Atlantic Region Ecological Observatory (MAREO)

A NEON Implementation

Agenda: February 1 2005 Executive Committee Conference Call

Tuesday February 1, 2005 (10AM-12 NOON)

- Report on November and January NEON Meetings
- Status of Facilities Database (COREO)
- Status of Mission and Vision statement for MAREO
- Status of Bylaws
- Facilities / Resource Identification
- Internal Outreach
- Selection of next meeting date

Facilitators:

Francisco Dallmeier

Bob Gardner

Eric Nagy

Francisco opened the meeting with a discussion of the November "COREO" meeting in Bonneville Washington State

Eric added the COREO web site should be up soon

NSF grant to COREO has been approved to support regions' activities

Pat asked about the relationship between NEON and COREO

Bob responded that since NEON Inc. needed to stay on the “straight and narrow” the regions saw the need to organize apart from NEON Inc.

Mentioned we need a better way to recruit interested parties

Suggested we individually recruit at regional meetings (ESA March 12, ARES) etc.) – attempt to get more sites registered.

Francisco - We can have the flyer from John Porter to Circulate among MAREO network and also at the different meetings

Brent – Mission and Vision statement presentation (Brent, Pat, Mike worked on)

All to review by Friday. Then to be mailed to full membership for review

Bob – Bylaws: Coordinating with Becky at SEEON. Will do this month. Will help COREO with a model.

Eric and others – facilities database in transition right now. COREO taking over. Eric will contact Phil Robertson re: status

Back to site registration:

Patt – need to reach out to regional organizations AND teaching colleges. Email folks we know?

Chris – do we want to be comprehensive in recruiting, or narrow? What is the goal? Perhaps develop a “shadow list” of facilities we know about that we may want to ask to participate, and might want to contact later?

Pat – what ARE facilities? Large? Small?

Chris – old? Current? Active?

Brent – levels of “old” and “active” [I have no idea what we were saying here guys, sorry, ESN]

Chris – get a list of registrants from regional ESA, ARES, etc. so we can broadcast / follow up AFTER going to that meeting.

Chris will draft text for a CALL to all MAREO members to travel to regional meetings.

Get material on the web

PUT OFF MAREO meeting till fall. There was strong consensus that we need to know more about COREO and NEON progress before we meet again. Wait until at least after 3rd NEON meeting (June)

But Need to KEEP a stream of info flowing – Monthly updates? Reminders to participate.

Internal outreach activity – Pat and Mark working on it.

Feedback for NEON committees –PLEASE GIVE on line.

NEON committee reports issues:

- Human Dimensions should color all subcommittees
- Hydro-ecology seems very high on the “Geo-Chemical” not enough population ecology level

Closing:

Agree to have monthly calls, with email reports to follow

Chris volunteered to host next call

Brent, Bob also said they could host

Jack – need a call in March

Next a call March 1 10:00p (Chris will host)

Meeting adjourned.

- ESN