

Ecological Response and Outreach Subcommittee

**NADP Fall Meeting
Indianapolis, IN
October 21, 2014**

Meeting Minutes

Notes taken by John Walker

Participants:

Andrew Johnson, ME DEP
David Gay, Program Office
John Walker, EPA
Chris Lehmann, Program Office
Ray Knighton, USDA NIFA
Cari Furiness, NCSU
Marty Risch, USGS
Chris Rogers, AMEC
Donna Schwede, EPA
Molly Woloszyn, UI
Pam Padgett, USFS
Rich Grant, Purdue University

Call to order and approval of minutes from spring 2014 meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL

Update on implementation of education and outreach proposal – Molly Woloszyn

Molly reported the 36% of recipients of the first e-newsletter opened it, which she considered positive related to her experience with other groups.

LinkedIn group is currently small.

There was a discussion regarding other groups to which the e-newsletter could be distributed. These included: Acid Rain 2015, ARS station directors, ARS research leaders, ANR Extension coordinators, NRSP-3 PI's, and science educators in high school list.

Ray Knighton suggested that we might consider adding a “how to” section to the E-newsletter for things such as accessing data.

Pam Padgett suggested that it might also be useful describe how different agencies contribute to NADP and how they use data.

Action item – Editorial group to decide on existing and potentially new sections included in the E-newsletter: recent publications, site highlight, table of contents, information for students, job highlight.

Status of updating the “Nitrogen in the Nation’s Rain” brochure – John Walker

No progress has been made since spring meeting. John Walker will work with Molly Woloszyn to move this along.

Action item – Walker will send out (to Molly?) an outline for revising the brochure along with potential contacts for updating specific sections.

Discussion of draft policy for including notices for new publications in the NADP e-newsletter

Chris Rogers presented a draft policy for promotion of new publications in the e-newsletter. The draft policy, as presented, is briefly summarized as follows:

- ◇ A summary of the publication is presented by the author, or by a representative for the author, to the relevant science committee/ subcommittee/ or advisory group for discussion during either the spring or fall meeting.
- ◇ A motion must be made, seconded, and passed by that science committee/ subcommittee/ advisory group to recommend the promotion of the publication.
- ◇ The passed motion is included in the report to the Executive Committee
- ◇ Once the Executive Committee approves, the Program Office’s eNewsletter Coordinator will work with the author to draft an entry for the eNewsletter.
- ◇ Promotion of publications will be handled in the order in which they are approved by the Executive Committee, unless an earlier promotion is slated by the Program Office Coordinator due to the timeliness of the publication’s topic.

Motion – Approve the draft policy amended to indicate that it applies to “for profit” publications only.

Discussion of proposed changes to NADP governance

Chris Rogers presented a draft plan for NADP governance reorganization. As taken from Chris’ draft document, the plan contains the following primary elements:

- ◇ Eliminate the Data Management and Analysis Committee (DMAS) and establish the Data Management Advisory Group (DMAG).

- ◇ Rename the Vice-Chair of NOS position and instead make the 3-year line of succession for NOS and the Joint Subcommittees be: Secretary of NOS, Chair of NOS, Chair of Joint Subcommittees (new).
- ◇ Add elected officers of remaining subcommittees as Ex-Officio Members of Executive Committee so that they are officially invited to Exec meetings.
- ◇ Reorganize the spring meeting, so that the meeting is now “officially” four days, in such a way that promotes greater participation of science committee attendees in EROS and NOS.
- ◇ Reorganize the fall meeting so that the “extra” time is more evenly split between science committees.
- ◇ Change the SOP approval process so that the approvals are the purview of the QAAG to make a formal recommendation of approval to NOS (and therefore Exec).

Most of the discussion focused on who would be the deciding vote in the event of a tie. The general feeling was that NIFA would be appropriate.

Proposed changes to running and planning the Joint meeting were put on hold.

Identification of new EROS officers

Motion - Nominate Pam Padgett for EROS Chair and Andy Johnson for EROS Secretary.

New Business

Ray Knighton brought up the potential for analysis of NADP publications using a new text searching method (Topic Modeling) that NIFA has been using. Specifically, the analysis would identify the areas of science NADP is supporting and how these areas are interrelated. This analysis would require the publication abstracts.

Action item – John Walker will follow up with Susan Braxton to see if she can send abstracts of NADP cited publications to Ray.