

EOS NADP Spring Meeting minutes 5/14/2025 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

11:00 AM Beck Welcome and defined EOS outreach and education committee goals.

- Internal NADP communications through Biannual Newsletters
- Outreach
- Student symposium

Proposed changes to The Governance Handbook.

Change 1: There is no section about the election of the State Agricultural Experiment Station representative under the “Election of NADP Officers”

Proposed: “Election of the State Agricultural Experiment Station (SAES) Representative: (The SAES Representative to the Executive Committee is appointed by the SAES Regional Administrative Advisors and Executive Committee. The representative serves a four-year term with the ability to serve two consecutive terms.

Reason for change: One representative served for nearly 20 years, recently retired, limiting terms allows for flexibility in expertise, minimizes load to incumbent.

Discussion: Clarify that is acceptable to serve 2 terms and take time off, may come back in and serve another consecutive 2-year term if so desired by the individual. Jeff Collett Jr, Colorado State University is the current incumbent.

Change 2: Update the science committee charter renewal terms

Current: “The Science Committees as part of NADP are either dissolved or renewed by the Executive committee at the request of the Science committee every four years.”

Proposed: “The Science committee is either dissolved or renewed by the Executive committee at the request of the Science committee after four years, and then subsequent renewals are completed by either annual reports or a four-year summary report.”

Change 3: Proposed Change Science symposium from the fall to the spring beginning in the spring of 2026.

Proposed: We will change nine instances of “fall” to “spring” and three instances of “spring” to “fall” based on the change in the timing of the Science Symposium. This will cover changes in timing of symposium and elections of officers.

Motion Proposed by Mike Bell to accept the updated terms for the SAES representative, Rechard seconded the motion. Passed with 100% vote.

EOS priorities (NADP factsheet, abbreviation list, newsletter, and AQAW)

Motion proposed by Beck to publish the factsheets to the NADP web page, David seconded the motion and modified the motion to make the factsheets 508 compliant before publishing. The motion passed with 100% vote.

Recommendation that the acronym list be added to the governance document. An extensive list of acronyms was put together a while ago by Catherine Collins. The list will be reviewed by committee chairs and updated with the EOS committee leading this effort.

The recommendation was to add the list someone on the NADP website after the list has been approved.

The EOS committee requested feedback regarding the newsletter, shared in between fall and spring meetings. Who uses this, how is used, request recommendations, shorter, broader audience?

Discussion for suggested revision – increase listserv, add pictures, maybe feature sight operators, special events, provide a way for the public to donate.

It would be great to work with schools as part of outreach to fund additional sites and provide their data to NADP.

Emmi raised interest in supporting air quality week and stated that in previous years, NADP put together a program, this year's activities were minimal and there was not a lot of EPA content in promoting.

Discussion – propose activities promoting air quality awareness in September?

EOS communication workshop for Spring 2026:

Communication Workshop – the goal is to share awareness and provide vocabulary of NADP and how it serves the public, provide for stronger connections between scientists, site operators and public.

Fall 2025 facilitate communications between organizations communications staff and committees to determine what is needed for an in-person workshop during the spring 2027 meeting. Reach out to EOS to communicate interest in participating.

Committee updates:

CLAD – Work in progress on tools, and newsletter content, continue to push handbooks and brainstorm on ways to get the word out.

AMSC – Eric promotion of what AMSC is seeking to accomplish and how to set goals and opportunities.

DMAG – Mark planning to include Canada in maps.

QAAG – Nichole mentioned participation in Interlab comparison run by USGS, increased EPA focus Puffin network.

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Communication needs for Network Optimization:

Discussion for communication needs for network optimization recommendations: Information (technical document, web page)

- Presentation (live or recorded slides or demonstration)
- Discussion (agenda of items to address)
- Request for comments (open ended feedback)
- Audience: NADP meeting attendees
- WSLH staff and collaborators
- Site Operators
- Funding agencies/sponsors

Mercury Litterfall Network: No changes to sample collection or mailing. Litter samples will still be analyzed for total mercury content. By an approved motion, methylmercury will no longer be analyzed in litter.

Who: 26 sites within network, site sponsors and operators need communication; sponsors NPS, FS, USGS and NOAA

How- email from David or PO

Atmospheric Mercury Network: Mercury air measurements will continue. However, NADP will only support and report gaseous elemental mercury concentrations. Site operators can choose to independently validate and report other mercury species measured.

How – email from David or PO when contract runs out in January.

Mercury Deposition Network: There are no immediate changes to sample collections, mailing, or analysis. There will be no changes next year for most site operators. Starting January 2026, some MDN sites will volunteer to collect samples every two weeks.

Communicate to sponsors through letters from David G, waiting on budget meeting to decide.

Ammonia Monitoring Network: There are no immediate changes to sample collections, mailing, or analysis. There may be changes when the study comparing passive samplers concludes.

National Trends Network: There will be no change to the timing of sample collection and mailing. An approved motion will change sample handling: site operators will weigh clean buckets and collected buckets with the lid on beginning January 2026. There will be no change to the chemicals analyzed in each sample.

Governance document-Does governance document needs to be updated to reflect changes?

Special newsletter outlining changes.

EOS supports creating a resource to document the network changes for optimization with the thought process, data review efforts and discussions to create motions. Emmi is leading this effort with support from Mike Bell.