

Present: Carl Agee (President), Andy Campbell (Chair), Suki Dorfman (Vice Chair), Anat Shahar, Tom Sharp, Heather Watson, Mark Rivers (Facilities Committee), Lily Thompson (EOID Committee)

Absent: none

Agenda Friday, December 4, 2020, 10:00 AM CDT

10:00 CST Approval minutes from November 6, 2020 (in Dropbox) (Andy)

10:05 Update on AGU Town Hall (Carl)

10:20 Steering Committee nominations (Carl, Mark)

10:40 Year-4 budget update (Carl)

10:50 Schedule for review of Facilities and EOID (Andy)

11 AM Adjourn

Minutes

10:00 Approval of minutes

Anat moves to approve, Tom seconds, unanimous approval.

10:03 Update on AGU Town Hall (Carl)

10:30 AM LA time next Monday. Will be held over Zoom, with presentation uploaded in advance, text box chat participation. Planned to be like our previous town halls, 1 hour long, recorded. Lily will attempt to make a recording since the AGU recording is limited to registered meeting participants. An additional open meeting to be held after AGU Town Hall.

10:17 Steering Committee nominations (Carl, Mark)

Will renew a call for nominations for steering committee at AGU Town Hall. Mark distributes spreadsheet of nominations so far. How will we make the decision about who will be selected from this list? Process can be predetermined before nominations are complete. Suggestion that the COMPRES ExComm and GSECARS leadership will select nominees from the list. Step 1, ask nominees who is interested in accepting nomination? Predetermined process and structure could demonstrate desire to be inclusive, and suggest additional nominations needed. Is it better to have a small or larger committee? Need to have outside people, and to have big enough group to weight votes appropriately. Chair of committee to be decided first and have a say in membership of committee vs. committee choosing its own chair? Suggestion 3-4 COMPRES + 3-4 GSECARS + 5 outside + chair. Steering committee will create additional committees, e.g. search committee that will recommend the PI, subcommittees to contribute to proposal focused on techniques or science areas. Additional workshops needed to develop vision for proposal, e.g. RCN. If the steering committee is too big, will there be no one left to run additional committees needed? Charge to steering committee doesn't include workshops. More detail for charge vs. allow committee to decide what they will do? Particularly junior people will need guidance about what they're taking on if they join this committee, and candidates need to know how much time commitment is expected. Science themed workshops may be key in encouraging engagement of non-GSECARS/COMPRES community in steering committee and proposal.

Need to include mechanism for ensuring diverse representation in the committee. Need to include GSECARS staff in conversations on process.

Future large town hall(s) should go beyond educating community about the situation and make progress on forming steering committee.

Still waiting on formal solicitation from NSF.

10:57 Year-4 budget update (Carl)

NSF requested COMPRES report on expenditures to demonstrate 50% funding spent by 12/1. Funds were delayed to end of summer, and disbursement to subawards delayed until fall. Spending rate is on track for 50% spent by ~February. Surplus from no in person annual meeting spent on central office instead, with no additional funds for central office requested this year.

11:03 Schedule for review of Facilities and EOID (Andy)

Standing committees need to schedule meetings and inform ExComm when ready to report. Timing is more flexible due to online AGU. EOID reports were due 12/1, some outstanding. Last Facilities report just came in. EOID reviews gas loading due to Rivers COI, and should probably review Sector 3 in the future since this facility now funded through Chicago. Budget to be created in January so deadline for committee recommendations early January at latest. ExComm to meet to discuss in January. Surplus funds could support new project with limited duration, possibility of no cost extension.

Next meeting to be held with GSECARS, 1 pm CST Monday 12/14.

11:18 AM Adjourn