

Ecological Response and Outreach Subcommittee Meeting
October 25-26, 2011
Providence, RI

Meeting Minutes

Participants:

Maggie Kerchner, NOAA/Air Resources Laboratory
Cari Furiness, North Carolina State University
Virginia Blue, Sac Fox Nation
Suzanne Fisher, Tennessee Valley Authority
John Walker, Environmental Protection Agency
Ray Knighton, USDA, National Institute for Food and Agriculture
Chris Lehmann, NADP Office
Andrew Johnson, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

1. Administration:

Suzanne Fisher, Chair, called the meeting to order. New officers were selected. For the upcoming year, Maggie Kerchner will serve as Chair and John Walker will serve as Secretary.

2. Outreach Update:

a) The group continued its discussion on how NADP can increase participation and involvement from the agricultural community in NADP. The suggestion was made again to hold an agricultural session during the fall annual symposium. Andy Johnson, Vice Chair of the Executive Committee, has not yet determined the theme of the 2012 meeting. Further discussions will be held to decide whether an agricultural session is appropriate. In the meantime, the group suggested that David Gay seek to attend one of the Experimental Station Committee on Operations and Policy's biennial meetings. David could inquire about getting a slot on their agenda to provide an introduction to NADP. EROS members agreed that engaging agriculture should be a primary focus for the group this year.

Action: Ray Knighton, as an agriculture liaison to NADP and EROS, agreed to provide a contact name to David.

The Farm Progress Show, held annually, was suggested as another venue for David Gay to attend to reach the agricultural sector.

Update since the meeting: The venue appears to toggle each year between IL and IA. The 2012 Show is in August in Boone, IA <http://farmprogress.com/farm-progress-show/main.aspx>

b) Development of a universal NADP poster template was proposed by Cari Furiness. The idea is to develop a standard poster template for anyone in NADP to use to present their work. The template could be downloaded from the Educational Resources section of the NADP web site. It was suggested that along with the template we could include Chris Lehman's directions for customizing graphs of sites.

Action: Cari, Suzanne, and Maggie will work on the design of the template for review at the spring subcommittee meeting. Anyone else interested in working on this is to contact Cari Furiness (cari_furiness@ncsu.edu).

c) There does not appear to be interest by EROS members to focus on the chemical climate change document. It was unclear by those members attending the meeting whether this was the right topic and how this came to be a topic within EROS. The group suggested that it would be worth looking at how NADP data are used by scientists in terms of papers published or conference presentations given on changes in atmospheric chemistry. EROS could look at national/international conferences where scientists present a paper and/or poster on this topic. Chris Lehmann suggested that Susan Braxton, the librarian at the Prairie Research Institution at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, be requested to do an abstract search.

Action: Chris Lehmann will talk with Susan Braxton

d) Members attending the EROS meeting did not know what the quarterly newsletter item was about. Apparently the topic was raised at the Spring 2011 meeting. The suggestion was made to ask David Gay.

Action: Maggie Kerchner will ask David Gay.

3. There was no new business to discuss

Meeting adjourned at 11 am for EROS to join the CLAD meeting discussion of new maps.