



EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM
TO STIMULATE
COMPETITIVE RESEARCH

Utah EPSCoR State Committee
Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

11:00am to 1:00pm

Capital Reef Conference Room

USTAR HQ

City Creek Center, 3rd floor

60 E. South Temple

Salt Lake City, UT

Attendees

Exec Committee: Tom Parks, Mark McLellan (via GTM), Alan Harker

General Committee: Rita Teutonico, Patrice Arent, Carol George, Tami Goetz, Elizabeth Hitch

Ex Officio: Todd Crawl, Joe Orr, Mark Young (via GTM)

Guests: Michelle Baker, Jim Ehleringer, James Glover

Excused: Lyle Hillyard, David Matty, Kim Heismath, Chris Picard, Sarah Young

11:07 am Meeting begins

1. Call to Order – Tom Parks, Chair
 - a. Introductions

2. Old Business
 - a. Approval of minutes from last meeting (July 29th, 2013)

Motion to approve minutes: McAleer, Seconded Goetz – Minutes approved without corrections

3. New Business
 - a. Transitions
 - i. USTAR representative

Since Ted McAleer will be leaving USTAR at the end of March, the State Committee will need a new USTAR representative. Jim Grover from USTAR Finance attended today's meeting and was encouraged to stay involved until a new Executive Director is formalized. The Committee recommends that USTAR continue supporting the EPSCoR effort as it establishes USTAR 2.0. The Committee thanked Ted and USTAR for their continued support of EPSCoR since the beginning of Utah's eligibility.

Action Item: Tom Parks will write a letter from the EPSCoR Executive Committee to the USTAR board encouraging continued support of Utah EPSCoR.



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ii. USTAR State Director

Since Rita Teutonico will be leaving USU at the end of May, the State Committee will need a new Director. The State Director coordinates all of the agencies where Utah has EPSCoR eligibility and oversees the selection of proposal submissions for EPSCoR limited submission opportunities. Utah is no longer EPSCoR-eligible for new EPSCoR Infrastructure awards at NSF, although current awards continue to completion and Utah is eligible for NSF co-funding and workshop awards. NASA eligibility is tied to NSF eligibility, so that has ended, too. Utah is still DOE and USDA eligible for EPSCoR funds. A primary focus for the new State Director will be developing a sustainability plan for iUTAH EPSCoR and maintaining the network of collaborations that has been established, as well as strengthening connections with state agencies. Rita stressed it is important to sustain both the research infrastructure, as well as the education and outreach programs that have been established.

The Committee discussed possible candidates including Jim Ehleringer and Carol George, as well as a hybrid model where the two would share the role. Mark Young suggested that it is essential that one person be in charge, though, so there is no confusion about the final authority to make decisions.

Action Item: Carol and Jim will discuss possibilities off-line and report back to the State Director. The Executive Committee is charged in the by-laws with the final decision on the next State Director.

iii. NSF PI

Since Todd Crawl is leaving USU, Utah EPSCoR needs a new NSF PI.

NSF has approved the change of PI from Todd Crawl to Michelle Baker. Todd made the PI change recommendation to the Executive Committee and they have approved it. He also recommended adding Zach Aanderud, BYU, as a signatory PI.

Motion to accept NSF EPSCoR PI changes: Parks, Seconded Hitch – Committee approved NSF EPSCoR PI changes.

iv. Committee chair

Alan Harker, BYU, is next in line to take over the Chair of the State Committee. He will begin his term as soon as Tom Parks submits the letter to USTAR. The Chair rotates annually among the 3 VPRs, with Mark McLellan slated to follow Dr. Harker's term.

v. State Committee Membership

The Committee discussed the current roster of membership, the possible renewal of terms that are ending, and needs for some new members.



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The PUI and industry members on the general committee have terms of 1, 2 or 3 years. The by-laws state there should be 3 industry members., but there currently is only have one.

Industry representatives:

1. Kim Heimsath, Questar – term ends January 2014, but committee recommends renewing for additional term.
2. Suzanne Winters, Intermountain Health Care – committee recommends adding her as member
3. Other suggestions – Nathan Rafferty, ski industry; Bob Grow, Envision Utah; Ebay; Goldman Sachs

PUI representatives:

1. Chris Picard, SLCC – term ends January 2014, but committee recommends renewing for additional term.
2. Tami Goetz, UVU – since Tami is now working with the STEM Action Center, the committee recommends replacing her with Danny Horns, UVU, for at least the next year.
3. Dave Matty, Weber, continues his term until January 2015.

Action Item: Rita will invite Suzanne Winters and Kim Heimsath as industry reps, as well as Chris Picard and Danny Horns as PUI reps. Rita will discuss the industry membership recommendations with the Executive Committee and then invite the 3rd candidate.

4. Other business

The Committee expressed their gratitude to Rita and Todd for their efforts establishing Utah EPSCoR and for their leadership of iUTAH.

5. Next meeting date – November 2013

Alan Harker will be the Chair so will coordinate the next meeting date. It was recommended that the Chair bring an administrative assistant to take notes during the meeting to relieve the State Director of that duty

12:30 pm Meeting adjourns