



Board Meeting of Utah EPSCoR
Location: World Trade Center at City Creek
60 East So Temple, SLC
Monday, June 18, 2012
3-5:00PM

AGENDA

Welcome and Approval of May Minutes	Tom Parks
Bylaws Adoption (Action Item).....	Tom Parks
Budget	Ted McAleer
Current Project Overview.....	Todd Crowl
Planning Grant.....	Tom Parks
Track 1-iUTAH Innovative Urban Transitions and Arid Region Hydro-sustainability	Todd Crowl
C2 – Extending Campus Networks and Optical Network	
Research@UEN Support.....	Steve Corbato-UofU
Track 2 – Cyber-Infrastructure to Advance High Performance Water	
Resource Modeling	Norm Jones
National Academies EPSCoR Review.....	Todd Crowl
NSF Outreach Activities Coordination	Rita Teutonic
“Becoming the Messenger” Workshop	Rita Teutonic
Looking Forward	
Change of State Director (Action Item).....	Tom Parks
Administrative offices	Tom Parks
Website administration etc.....	Rita Teutonic
Other issues.....	Tom Parks
Adjourn	Tom Parks



**Minutes of the
Utah State EPSCoR Committee Meeting
June 18, 2012**

Attendees:

Tom Parks, University of Utah, Chair
Jeff Broadbent (for Mark McLellan) Utah State University
David Matty: Weber State University
Sarah Young (for Diane Sudreth), Utah State Office of Education
Chris Picard, Salt Lake Community College
Suzanne Winters, Utah EPSCoR State Director
Representative Patrice Arent, Utah House of Representatives
Senator Lyle Hillyard, Utah State Senate
Todd Crowl, Utah State University, *Ex-Officio*

Absent:

Tami Goetz, Governor's State Science Advisor
Ted McAleer, USTAR Executive Director
Spencer Eccles Gov's Office of Economic Development
Jon Pierpont, Department of Workforce Services
Alan Harker, Brigham Young University

Guests:

Steve Corbato, U of U
Jim Nelson (for Norm Jones), BYU
Rita Teutonico, USU
Louisa Stark U of U
Lisa Cohne UEN
Kay Jeppesen USU
Kathy Baker USU
Dwayne Westenskow, U ofU

Tom Parks, the Chair of the Utah EPSCoR State Committee called the meeting to order at 3:20 pm

A motion made and seconded to approve the minutes from January 31, 2012 meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present.

Changes to the Bylaws were discussed. The Bylaws will be amended and adopted at the next board meeting.

Suzanne Winters briefly discussed the budget. USTAR has approved three months of salary support for Todd Crowl for the duration of the five-year grant. NSF requires a 20% match on all NSF EPSCoR grants. Most other EPSCoR states have line item appropriations for EPSCoR match requirements. Each of the participating institutions have already agreed to match that portion of the grants for their individual universities.

A suite of EPSCoR offices has been established on the USTAR campus in Logan, Utah. Additional office space is being sought at the UU as well.

The NSF Planning Grant final report has been submitted by Tom Parks. Notification has not yet been received that the report has been approved. As part of this grant, the State Strategic Plan for Science, Technology, Innovation and Talent will be completed and distributed by the end of the summer.

Todd Crawl discussed the current Track 1, iUtah: innovative Urban Transitions and Arid Region Hydro-sustainability. Utah has been awarded a \$20 million, 5-year award. Todd Crawl and Rita Teutonico are working diligently to get the program infrastructure and staff up and running as the start date will be July 1, 2012. Assessment metrics and data infrastructure are being instituted early to facilitate on-going and efficient reporting to NSF. Rita is currently establishing the Outreach and Education Program for the Track 1 and coordinating activities with the Track 2 and C2 projects. Slides of the presentation are posted on the Utah EPSCoR website: www.utepscor.org.

Steve Corbato provided an update on the State's Track C2, "Extending Campus Networks and Optical Network Research@UEN Support. He presented a PPT that highlighted the reasons for the Grant and the research capacity that is being improved through the optical network. Slides of the presentation are posted on the Utah EPSCoR website: www.utepscor.org

Norm Jones provided an update on the Track 2 Grant: CyberInfrastructure to Advance High Performance Water Resource Modeling. The Track 2 is a joint venture between U of U, USU, BYU and University of Wyoming that represents about \$3.4 Million of grant funding to Utah's 3 universities.

Todd Crawl discussed the EPSCoR 2030 report (posted at www.utepscor.org) and discussed that NSF has assembled a committee to review the NSF EPSCoR program since its inception. Unfortunately, none of the members of the review committee are from EPSCoR states. Todd encouraged State Committee members to comment on the composition of the Review Committee.

Doran Baker and Dwayne Westenskow each gave updates of the current NASA EPSCoR funded programs in Utah. The NASA directors are the same as the Rocky Mountain Space Grant Consortium, as required by NASA. For EPSCoR grants, NASA requires a 50% match, generally provided by the faculty for whom the support is provided. The call for NASA EPSCoR proposals was released this morning and due in August. Each state can have 2 submitted; announcement went out to trustees (20 affiliates throughout the state). A technical advisory committee makes recommendations on which proposals to get submitted to NASA. There was discussion about whether the technical advisory committee should make recommendations to the State Committee before proposal selection or submission.

Rita Teutonico discussed the new EPSCoR website, www.utepscor.org. It was suggested that a list of projects co-funded by EPSCoR be added to the site. Also, a section will be added for the State Committee and include minutes and all presentations. Rita also announced that NSF will be holding a workshop in Utah, "Science: Becoming the Messenger", August 22-23, 2012. A suitable location has not yet been established, but will be in Salt Lake City. Member institutions are urged to attend since NSF is expecting a good showing of state-wide representatives, especially those involved with any of the EPSCoR projects

Tom Parks thanked Suzanne Winters for the excellent work she has done to get EPSCoR up and running with the end result of the making Utah an EPSCoR state. A motion was made to install Rita Teutonico as the new State EPSCoR State Director. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.