

ITAC Conference Call – January 19, 2011 Minutes

Roll Call:

Bob Lent	Ramona Traynor	Gary Cottrell
Bob Swanson	Susan Trapanese	Kim Martz
Katherine Lins	Dave Mueller	
Terri Moore	Kevin Housel	

Outstanding action items -- http://water.usgs.gov/usgs/itac/docs/outstanding_ais.html

❖ Introduction

- Bob Lent, new ITAC Chair, opened the meeting with congratulations to Bob Swanson for a successful year leading the ITAC
- Bob L. asked Bob S. if he would finish coordinating the upcoming Mississippi Water Science Center meeting. Bob L. commented that he will take over that function for the next face-to-face
- Bob L. and Bob S. will work on letter to host together

❖ Upcoming Face-to-Face

Mickey Plunkett is in SES training. The Mississippi Water Science Center (MSWSC) has verbally accepted ITAC's request to visit. Formal letter requesting visitation needs to be sent.

We will have a conference call prior to the face-to-face

Terri asked the group if Paul Exter should be invited to the meeting.

ACTION: Terri will invite Paul. Bob L. will follow up, if necessary, with Karen Baker

Also invite IT liaison – Jay Story

❖ StreamView

Shaun can give an update on StreamView at the face-to-face. A reach of the Clinch River in Virginia will be done on October 13, 2010. Sandy has a Google contractor helping with the effort.

ACTION: Bob will add StreamView update to agenda. Shaun indicated he should be able to update the group on WaterAlert and StreamView in 45 minutes.

❖ SIMS User Group – (Leave on agenda)

No update.

❖ Face-to-Face Agenda

Per Terri, no logistical updates. Sheri is making reservations at a backup hotel that is not involved in Union issues.

ACTION: ITAC Members are reminded to send flight information to Kim for posting on the Web.

Bob S. asked the group if there is interest in a traditional Hawaiian luau / dinner boat cruise on the last night. The group would be interested.

ACTION: Terri will email the hotel to ask about suggested luaus and/or dinner boat cruises.

The agenda is close to being finalized. Review of the agenda and needed updates were noted.

ACTION: Terri will check with Paul about telecommunications issues. Katherine would like for Paul to also give an update on NatWeb. Bob gave Paul extra time on the agenda. Paul can decide on how he wants to split out the time.

Burl Goree Mobile Computing update. **ACTION: Dave Berger** will check with Burl about calling in to ITAC when he talks to him about the next webinar. Burl was given more time on the agenda.

SAC agenda item – Terri noted that the committee has not met in a while. Terri noted that Katherine would like an update from the Time Series Committee (Joe Nielsen and Grege Wiche) – This could replace the SAC item.

ACTION: Terri will confirm that Joe or Gregg can participate by phone.

Terri also noted that David McCulloch needs time to discuss GIS issues – start with ½ hour on the agenda.

SIMS User Group - **ACTION: Terri** will send email to Gary Fisher asking for 30 minutes at 9:00 am on November 4 to update the group on the SIMS User Group.

ACTION: Susan will confirm with Dan Schwitalla his time. Susan noted that Dan is working on slides.

Miscellaneous Face-to-Face items:

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ACTION: Kim will make sure the Outstanding Action Items listing is in a file that can be updated.

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❖ **Nominees for Dave and Shaun**

The group briefly discussed suggested nominees.

Data Chief (CR or WR) – Michael Lewis, Bob Kimbrough, Ron Rickman, Greg Nalley, Mike Dorsey, Wayne Burkas, Kirk Miller

Studies Section Chief (CR or ER) – Kyle Blasch, Pete Cinotto

ACTION – ITAC to identify replacements for Dave and Shaun. This will be discussed at the Face-to-Face meeting.

❖ **Other Business**

- Check to make sure content from the old ITAC Quickr site has been migrated to the new SharePoint site.
 - Next call – work on agenda for F2F
 - Agenda item for next conference call
 - Check where we are on the downlink issue with DCPs (transmission frequency)
 - Contact Dan Schwitalla or Phil Turnipseed for an update.
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