



National Atmospheric Deposition Program

Executive Committee Meeting Summary

NADP 2015 Spring Meeting, Asilomar Conference Grounds, 800 Asilomar Avenue,
Pacific Grove, CA, April 16, 2015

Present: David Gay, Bob Brunette, Gerard Van der Jagt, Pam Padgett, Mark Nilles, Mark Rhodes, Donna Schwede, Martin Risch, Amy Ludtke, Dave Maxwell, Richard Tanabe, Mark Olson, David Schmeltz, Jason Lynch, Chris Rogers, Greg Wetherbee, Kristi Morris, Doug Buhler, Claire O'Dea, Rich Pouyat, Rick Haeuber, Bob Larson, Rich Grant, Andy Johnson, Anne Marie Macdonald, Ray Knighton (phone), Chris Lehmann, Larry Curtis, Donna Kenski, and Lisa Volk

1. Call to Order at 8:15 a.m., with introductions.
2. Approval of the Fall 2014 Executive Committee Minutes. A motion to approve was passed.
3. Agency Stakeholder Reports were provide:
 - USDA-NIFA has received FY15 money from 2 agencies and all are needed by July 1, 2015.
 - BLM reported continued funding with addition of new AMoN sites (4).
 - EPA reported continued funding of sites, and a few additions.
 - NOAA reported continued funding of sites.
 - NPS reported continued funding, with new personnel and possible new site support.
 - USFS reported continued funding.
 - USGS reported continued funding at same level.
 - State of Maine reported continued funding.
 - Great Lakes Mercury Monitoring Network is expecting the loss of funding at

some of their sites, with unknown impact at this time.

- Environment Canada is expecting an expansion of their MDN network in the West, and are starting a total deposition project much like NADP's.
- State Agricultural Experiment Stations reported a successful 5-year renewal of the SAES support for NADP.

4. Technical Subcommittee Reports.

- a. Budget Committee reported a successful refunding for the lost TVA sites, a successful support for Acid Rain 2015 meeting, and two passed motions. BAC will meet in Denver on August 25th, 2015.
 - Motion 1: Program Office to explore 3- 4 spring meeting locations that are low cost or within driving distance of the Champaign area and explore other ways to save funds on the Spring Meeting.
 - Motion 2: to accept the Proposed FY15 NADP Budget and recommended that the excess \$86,554 be used to hire a full time NADP Assistant Coordinator. (Exec endorsed the motion at the 2014 Fall Meeting).
- b. JOINT/NOS reported no motions, but requests that the Central Analytical Laboratory prepare a presentation for the Fall 2015 NADP meeting showing AMoN travel blanks and their effect on the reporting level. The Joint/NOS report was accepted.
- c. EROS reported that "Nitrogen in the Nation's Rain" will be updated, the quarterly newsletter continues, addressed changes in the Governance document, and returned one motion.
 - Motion 1: EROS will prepare an SOP for coordination of all science and subcommittee agendas for both the spring and fall meetings, and will include a timeline for submitting minutes, call for agenda items and submission of the agenda to the PO for web posting. The motion passed.

Request that the PO explore improved technologies or access technologies for better remote access to meetings, and consider new equipment, alternative meeting rooms.

- Motion 2: PO will assist CLAD in publication of a map product document in time for the Acid Rain Conference. CLAD will provide maps and text for a 10-12 page document. The PO will provide layout and editorial assistance and print 1000 copies. Motion passed.

- d. QAAG presented two motions.
 - Motion 1: To change the review cycle for the labs and the Program Office from once every 3 years to a minimum of once every 5 year period, amended to “not to exceed 5 years”. Motion failed.
 - Motion 2: Approve methyl mercury data pre October 2002. All data would be in a single “file”. A data field should be included to indicate the algorithm used to calculate concentration. Motion passed.
- e. SCUAM provided a report, including a presentation to NOS, have Pilot sites operating (Boston, NYC), and want to add metals and passive nitrogen to the portfolio.
- f. DMAG presented one motion:
 - Motion 1: The 2014 NTN samples arrived late and were processed as WI (low-volume, partial analysis) samples should be re-coded by the Program Office as WO (low-volume, dilute or T (trace)) samples as appropriate. A report included two action Items: (a) will have a conference call in May to discuss methyl mercury data documentation, and bring SOP to fall meeting, and (b) will provide documentation for what Data Manager does. Report was accepted.
- g. CLAD presented a report detailing 4 areas of concentration: 1) Exchange of Information to move the science of critical loads forward, 2) Presentation of new products, 3) Webinars at 3 meetings per year, and 4) Workshops. Report was accepted, including to move forward with the CLAD map report and to distribute.
- h. TDEP provided a report, including progress on maps, grant opportunities available, several presentations given during sessions, and provided 1 motion.
 - Motion: TDEP and CLAD to have separate meeting dates in the future, amended to “request” separate meeting days. Motion passed.

5. Old Business

- a. Program Office Update (The PO Coordinator reported) a modeler at Environment Canada will be starting to calculate weekly mercury deposition velocities for AMNet sites; BAC news including financial situation in IL and at UI, sites in financial trouble, etc.; International Mercury Conferences - Korea 2015 would like for NADP to sponsor

Mercury 2015.

- Motion 1: to sponsor Mercury 2015 at the \$5,000 level. Motion passed.

Mercury 2017 is in Providence, RI and organizers want NADP involved, to include handling funds for the meeting. NADP will have no financial liability, which organizers have agreed to. Committee agreed to NADP being involved at the organization level.

- b. South Asia Monitoring: and update on progress and NADP's role in the Asia Pacific Mercury Monitoring Network was provided.
- c. Acid Rain 2015: an update on the progress of the Fall meeting was provided, including block schedule, site visit plans, website, contracts, keynotes, sponsorship funds, Eastman House plans, sessions, NADP meeting schedule.
- d. Governance Handbook Updates were presented, and:
 - Motion to accept these changes passed.
- e. Assistant PO Coordinator Status update was given.
- f. USGS Proposal for Mercury Isotope Monitoring: an update on this cooperation with USGS was given, where the PO will be responsible for communications. USGS is working on the sampler design. Plan to begin sampling in June.
- g. Update on Trace Metals Initiative: a progress report on this 12-point plan was given (Advocates were named and will provide the 12 point plan at Fall 2015. Reviewers were named.
- h. Ad Hoc Group for Site Liaison Reorganization: a review committee report was provided by the adhoc committee to Exec on this issue. The committee recommended that "it would be in the overall and long-term best interests of the NADP for the EC to direct the PO to create a site liaison position within its organizational structure" and staff it by October 31, 2016. BAC will review for fiscal impacts. The Chair will receive rebuttals and will distribute to Exec and Budget.

6. New Business

- a. CLAD 4-year Renewal: CLAD provided a review of its progress and mission, its current and future activities. CLAD requests that the NADP EC renew CLAD as a Science Committee for another 4-year term.
 - Motion: to extend CLAD for another 4-year term. Motion passed.
- b. TDEP status: TDEP should go through the same review in Fall 2015, but an extension to spring 2016 was granted.
- c. LADCO provided a presentation on its future situation for its mercury network. Funding is in question.
- d. Outreach: a suggestion was made to have a one day teacher training at our fall meeting. Discussion followed with no action.
- e. Plans for Fall 2015 Executive Committee Meeting were presented.

Motion to adjourn and meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.