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EISWG Membership Recommendations

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On behalf of the EISWG, we are pleased to provide our recommendations for new EISWG members along with a brief summary of the process used to reach those recommendations; we also recommend a second term for each of four current EISWG members.

The EISWG members recommend that we add new members to fill several vacancies and to provide a broader spectrum of expertise to address the expanded scope of issues we expect EISWG to be dealing with as a result of its newly expanded terms of reference. The additional expertise we wish to include is in the areas of: economics, oceanography, and hydrology. In addition, we also wish to add two additional new members based on their breadth of experience and proven record of contributions to the field. After consultation with the SAB liaison to the EISWG (SAB Chair Ray Ban), it was decided that we recommend two individuals in this 'at-large' category.

EISWG members held an extended membership teleconference on May 6, 2013, where many excellent candidates were discussed. Subsequent to the teleconference, additional names were suggested by EISWG members who also provided their individual rationale for each recommendation. We also agreed to use a 100-point scoring system to rank the candidates; this entailed allocating a total of 100 points to candidates in each expertise category where the 100 points could be allocated to a single nominee or split among multiple nominees as each member deemed appropriate.

Economics category. In the economics category, EISWG members believed that we did not have enough firsthand knowledge to make any recommendations at this time and, instead, agreed to pursue new membership in this category at a later time when we have explored possible candidates at greater length.

Oceanography category. Four excellent candidates were considered in the oceanography category. On the basis of the totality of our individual rankings, EISWG recommends that Dr. Robert Weller of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution be invited to become a new EISWG member.

Hydrology category. In the hydrology category (which had seven candidates) the balloting clearly supports the EISWG recommendation that Ms. Jean Vieux, President of Vieux and Associates of Norman, OK be invited to become an EISWG member.

At-Large category. Eight candidates were considered in the at-large category. The two clear first choices of the EISWG members are Dr. John Snow of the University of Oklahoma and Dr. Ron Birk of Northrop Grumman Corp.

EISWG is pleased that the SAB will consider these recommendations for new members at its upcoming July meeting.

In addition, the initial member terms are up this fall for four EISWG members: Barry Myers, Phil Ardanuy, Julie Winkler and Walter Dabberdt. All four have indicated they would be pleased to serve an additional three-year term, and we ask that the SAB also consider renewing their terms at its July meeting.

