

AMEG Steering Committee Minutes SETAC Nashville 2013

1) Introductions and attendees:

Gertie Arts
Udo Hommen
Jeff Giddings
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2) Brief updates.

The Glyceria working group is to formally to start by Basel. We will use the Nashville open meeting to draw in interested parties, and call for data.

The possible ESPRI special issue for Basel session was discussed, but the work involved made the effort appear prohibitive.

3) Enhanced student involvement.

The North American Student Council gave a small presentation. They wish to engage students more in the advisory groups. Ideas to enhance participation included:

- A) Best student papers within the advisory group.
- B) Promote students onto steering committee.
- C) Perhaps travel award administered via the Advisory Group for students.
- D) Have spot on steering committee especially for students.
- E) Update directly to students to join AMEG via social media.
- F) Page in SETAC program dedicated to the advisory groups.

4) Changing the scope of AMEG to include terrestrial plants, SOP.

Proposal needs Global Science Committee approval and the meeting will be held Thursday in Nashville (since approved).

We discussed if we wanted to bring algae back into the fold explicitly for the new group; with no clear decision. Regardless, it was felt that algal work has a natural fit within the new Plant Advisory Group

It was felt that we would want the change announced formally via SETAC (e.g., Globe) in order to get people to join online, and to generate interest for new board members.

5) Elections in 2014 with voting by SETAC Basel.

Will want to create a process by which to conduct the election of the steering committee (call for nominations, voting mechanism).

Was decided we will need to hold a conference call for current steering committee to deal with the election (January/February). Ideally, elections completed by April in time for announcement formally in Basel.

6) Ideas for Basel members' meeting.

It was felt that we would want to communicate inclusion of terrestrial plants, and draw in these individuals somehow for Basel.

We will want to introduce new Glyceria working group and their work, as well as to generate interest and participants and call for data.

7) Joint session with Soils AG in Vancouver in 2014?

This was considered a good idea (and has since been acted upon).

8) *Website update.*

We need to touch base with Chris Wilson about continuing in this role and updating website (since acted upon).