

STEAC MEETING REPORT (08/24/2022)

The STEAC met on August 24th, 2022, with a quorum of seven members attending (Lilian Alessa, Anne Giblin, Peter Groffman, Jackie Matthes, Sarah Bevins, Rob Guralnick, Sparkle Malone). Five NEON-Battelle staff attended (Zoe Gentes, Darcy Gora, Chris McKay, Bonnie Meinke, Kate Thibault and Paula Mabee) .

The meeting was virtual, and the following topics were discussed: I. Approval of previous minutes and II. Update on new member recruitment, III. Proposed agenda topics for the fall in person meeting, and IV. the fall schedule.

- I. **Approval of previous minutes for:** The STEAC voted to approve the minutes for [07-27-2022](#) and for [06-22-2022](#).
- II. **Update on new member recruitment:** The following applicants will join the STEAC in September 2022- Meghan Avolio (John Hopkins University), Henry Bart (Tulane University), Rich Fiorella (Los Alamos National Laboratory), Shannon LaDeau (Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies), Sydne Record (University of Maine), Daniel Rubenstein (Princeton University), Adrienne Sponberg (Ecological Society of America).
- III. **Proposed Agenda Topics for the Fall:** The STEAC identified many topics for NEON to consider for the Fall in-person meeting.
 - New member orientation
 - Meeting with representatives from active Technical Working Groups ([TWGs](#)), Domain managers, and Jeff Coleman to discuss permitting.
 - Updates to the NSF strategic plan.
 - Community empowerment: How can we encourage the community to develop the resources needed to advance science and solutions?
 - Staff meetings:
 - Tour of the calval lab and other facilities.
 - Discussion of how NEON anticipates interacting with [the new ESII](#)
 - Assignable assets update.
 - Recruitment to replace the large wave of "retiring" STEAC members next year
 - Broadening partnerships
 - NEON recruitment at the domains and headquarters to help NEON work with partners to create hybrid positions to provide consistent employment.
 - With the start of the new center, should NEON shift focus to serving the data?

IV. **Fall Schedule** ([poll results](#); 4th wednesday at 12 is the most popular so far) and dates for the fall 2-day meeting ([poll results](#); October 17- 18th is the most popular). The STEAC had until 8/26 to complete polls.