

STEAC MEETING REPORT (01/26/2022)

The STEAC met on January 26th, 2022 with a quorum of eight members present (Anne Giblin, Peter Groffman, Sparkle Malone, Kim Novick, Steve Petruzza, Shawn Serbin, Mike Dietze, Jackie Matthes). Four NEON-Battelle staff attended (Darcy Gora, Paula Mabee, Kate Thibault, and Zoe Gentes).

The meeting was virtual, and the following topics were discussed: I. Approval of previous [minutes](#); II. Updates from NEON; III. Approval of the [Battelle response to our recommendations](#); IV. Spring 2-day Meeting- modality, V. STEAC New Member Recruitment [Current Expertise](#); and VI. STEAC Secretary.

I. Approval of previous minutes: Minutes approved.

II. Updates from NEON:

- Due to a new and exciting position as a Program Officer in the Office of International Science & Engineering at NSF, Karen Lips is rotating off the STEAC.
- Battelle is actively working on the recompetete proposal going in January 31st.
- NEON has hired a new Engagement Manager. Announcement coming soon (2/7).
- The Ambassador Program is running nicely and has settled into 4 teams. The STEAC will discuss their progress at the next meeting.
- The second official NEON data release went out this week. It includes unfuzzed species data, and new QA/QC protocols.
- NEON has a new [methane concentration product](#) dataset.
- The NEON postdoc, Kelly Hondula, is starting a new postdoc with Greg Asner. She will remain at NEON 1/2 time to finish her project.

III. Approval of the [Battelle response to our recommendations](#). Response to recommendations approved.

IV. Spring 2-day meeting: The STEAC is currently planning for a hybrid meeting in April or May. A poll will be sent out with the minutes to record availability.

V. STEAC New Member Recruitment: There are four members who will rotate off the STEAC. The STEAC would benefit from members with [expertise](#) in human dimensions and policy, organismal biology, collections, cyber infrastructure, performance metrics, network science, members of environmental sciences societies, and members with connections to the new NSF synthesis center. The STEAC call for new members will be open to all and recruitment will focus on reaching communities with the priority expertise.

VI. STEAC Secretary: Welcome Shawn Serbin, the new Secretary of the STEAC.