

STEAC MEETING REPORT

(06/25/2025)

The members of the STEAC met on June 25, 2025, with a quorum of six members attending (Meghan Avolio, Rich Fiorella, Shannon LaDeau, Sydne Record, Samapriya Roy, and Daniel Rubenstein). Four NEON-Battelle staff attended (Darcy Gora, Paula Mabee, Chris McKay, and Tanya Maslak).

The meeting was virtual, and the following topics were discussed: I. Call to order, II. Updates on the new STEAC member recruitment, III. Convergence Summit update, IV NEON AY26.

- I. **Approval of previous minutes for 05/21/2025:** Minutes from prior meeting were approved by STEAC by voice vote along with the minutes from the Spring in-person meeting.
- II. **Updates on the new STEAC member recruitment:** STEAC received 24 applications for openings as members cycle off at the end of the fiscal year. Current STEAC members were asked to review applicants for discussion at the next meeting, and with an emphasis on covering the full breadth of NEON and in recognition of the expertise of members cycling off.
- III. **Convergence Summit update:** STEAC received an update on NEON's upcoming Convergence summit in October. NEON received >150 applications and is targeting to invite ~50 participants from that total. Some expertise gaps were identified, and NEON is considering extending targeted invitations to fill those gaps, including to the private sector and to those with expertise in microbiology, virology, health sciences, and emerging technologies such as AI.
- IV. **NEON AY26:** STEAC discussed potential impacts to NEON operations based on uncertainties in the FY2026 Federal budget. Further discussion is expected in future meetings as congressional appropriations bills come into focus.