

Minutes from 9/10 EPO telecon:

NAI Annual Report/Edcats:

Darlene sent edited content to each EPO Lead. Please review and send additions/edits to Karen Dodson @ kdodson@arc.nasa.gov by COB September 13.

NSTA 2003:

Lisa Brown at Penn State submitted proposal short course was **accepted**, shooting for Wednesday March 26, 4 1/2 hours, 1-5:30 p.m. (have room till 6:00). Collaborative effort to get two scientist speakers (Sean Solomon, Carnegie and Jim Kastings at Penn) and plan activities around them.

CSTA and NABT:

If you would like to have your materials at the California Science Teachers Association (CSTA) and National Association of Biology Teacher (NABT), ship it to:

Darlene Gadd
NASA Astrobiology Institute
Education and Public Outreach
NASA Ames Research Center
MS 240-1
Moffett Field, CA 94035
Tel: (650) 604-0252

And let's keep the qty to 500 each for both CSTA and NABT. The deadline for this is September 23, 2002

The deadline to help out in the NABT booth is September 13. Let Darlene know if you are interested, there are two badges left. So far I have Lorraine Olendzenski at MBL and myself Darlene Gadd NAI.

Wall Art and Printer:

NAI has a large format printer and it prints up to 72" wide and however long you need.

Julie Fletcher has been working on a project called Genesis. It is a Presentation for the walls at NAI. Could be a loaner, looking for input, ideas, plans for borrowing, it has images and descriptive plates. Possible use at ASU meeting Yellowstone. Please contact:

Julie Fletcher at jfletcher2@arc.nasa.gov or (650) 604-3798.

Round Table:

Angela Phelps – Penn: Question, when will the poster series be done? Poster series will be taken back up in October.

Rebecca Davis – ASU: Working on NAI General meeting plans for Feb. meeting at ASU.

Marguerite Syvertson – JPL1: Meet with Martin Weiss from New York Hall Science this week. He knows about NSTA, may contact us to get involved.

James Harold – JPL2: Bruce Jakosky giving public AB talks, working on that. Space Science Institute has cosmic origins traveling exhibit.

Catherine Tsairides – ARC: Attending Minority University Collaborative and the then Yellowstone Planning meeting. Also suggested compiling a database of teachers for everyone to use.

Lorraine Olendzenski – MBL: Displaying Micro*scope at NABT. Life and Living in Space week at MBL in November. If you know any teachers interested in attending, let her know. Planetary Protection Plants in Space.

Chuck James – Carnegie: Presenting at Minority University Collaborative. Working with JPL on Mystery of Ice Pre-K6 look at ice and implications for AB. Link's physical science standards & Space Science standards. Revisiting Platypus Media on producing a trade book on microbes.

Kat Anderson – UCB: Preparing for Bruce Jakosky Symposium & a workshop at CSTA.

Jackie – JSC: Been busy with Workshops and Mars.

UCLA: Student group looking for AB related materials to distribute at school (K-12) talks. If you have materials to contribute, send them to:

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University of California, Los Angeles
Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics
3845 Slichter Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90095-1567
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NAI EPO Management Updates:

Barry leaving October 4, 2002.

Karen Dodson leaving EPO position and starting a new position with Lisa Faithorn in Virtual Collaborations.

Minority University Collaborative MU-SPIN has invited collaborative to form around AB. All interested in EPO, Barry will be going.

Minority Faculty Sabbatical – continuing. Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) in Anaheim September 26-29 will meet with society to figure out how to serve them. Karen Bradford and Krisstina

Wilmoth are attending. This will provide an opportunity to assess what we currently have and what we need to develop.

Krisstina Wilmoth is meeting with Martin Weiss, working on traveling version of ET exhibit. NAI may partner with ABE and use funding from these groups for the ET exhibit & search for other funding. Several PI's already on Advisory Board for the ET exhibit.

Marguerite Syvertson is working on a survey to find out what is available and needed in informal education in AB. For example of past survey in Earth Sciences, <http://talkto.jpl.nasa.gov>. Has been talking with Ed Prather at University of Arizona. Survey should be online October 15.

Professional Development: Krisstina Wilmoth is interested in starting a working group on Professional Development to educate ourselves. Talk with experts, discuss best practices etc. Suggestions for groups to involve: Joel Halverson and Lee Schmidt. Peg Steffen at HQ gave presentation on Teacher Professional Development at NSTA. Lisa will forward her presentation.

EPO Focus group came up at the EC meeting in April, reason would be to get in other partners. Interest on more college level education work.

NAI General Meeting updates:

This Thursday a meeting to discuss the agenda. Will discuss EPO sessions.