

ESCOP Sssc Meeting

February 22, 2023

1:30-3:30 pm EST – Zoom

Attendees: Kristina Hains, Tracy Rutherford, Mike Retallick, Tim Killian, Becki Lawver, Erica Irlbeck, Jeremy Falk, Emily Buck, Alton Thompson, Matt Fannin, Corinne Valdivia, Christina Hamilton, Jeanette Thurston, Dremal Worthen, Brian Myers, Kevan Lamm

Attendees (Presenters): Hannah Stewart, Daniel Talmage, Thomas Thornton

National Academies Board on Environmental Change and Society presentation

Important Issues/Projects – heavy focus on the wicked problem of climate change

- Climate resilient communities
- Managed retreat in US Gulf Coast Region (study)
- Co-production of environmental knowledge, methods and approaches (study)
- Integrating the human sciences to scale societal responses to environmental change (workshop, March 2023)
- Accelerating decarbonization in the US: Technology, policy and social dimensions (study)
- Developing and assessing ideas for social and behavioral research to speed efficient and equitable industrial decarbonization (workshop, March – Dec. 2023)
- Roundtable on macroeconomics and climate-related risks and opportunities (roundtable)
- Climate Security Roundtable (roundtable)
- The role of net metering in the evolving electricity system (study)
- Advice for the US Global Change Research Program (committee)

Ways to get involved?

- Volunteer time as a committee member
- Org. sponsorship
- US Global Change Research program committee has a social science section
- E-newsletter – you can nominate colleagues to participate on new projects
- There's a need for speakers, reviewers

General meeting minutes:

- Discussion on SSSc Rules of Operation
 - o Changes:
 - Top of Pg. 2 – First sentence underneath *Organization and Function* – change “may” to “will” to read “**The SSSc will meet in person once.....**”
 - Top of Pg. 2 – Second paragraph, second sentence underneath *Organization and Function* – add “two weeks prior” and remove “in advance” to the sentence to read “**Meeting agendas and support materials will be provided two weeks prior to any meetings.**”

- Top of Pg. 2 - Last sentence underneath *Organization and Function* – “The work groups will be responsible to the S&T.” should be changed to “The work groups will report back to SSSc committee.”
 - Bottom of Pg. 2 – Add this sentence to the end of the first paragraph underneath *Officers, Executive Committee and Liaisons* – “The Secretary will be responsible for taking minutes during any officially called meetings.”
 - Bottom of Pg. 2 – First sentence underneath *Quorum* – remove “in advance” and add “two weeks prior” to read “For purposes of doing business, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the duly constituted members at any officially called meeting for which written notice is sent two weeks prior to the meeting.”
 - Bottom of Pg. 2 – First sentence underneath *Amendments* – remove “in advance” and add “two weeks prior” to read “These operating guidelines may be amended at any business meeting of SSSc provided the proposed amendment has been sent to all members two weeks prior to the meeting...”
- How much latitude do we have with this committee?
 - (Mike Retallick) It has been my experience in the past that the committee (primarily) governs itself
- Discussion regarding the number of seats on the SSSc committee
 - Currently have 36 spots on committee, have 20 of these spots filled, have 15 of the 20 spots in attendance at the meeting
 - Hard to keep up with such a large committee
 - Why so many seats?
 - Having representation from all geographies, contexts
 - How to gain more participation or ideas on committee members?
 - Perhaps send out request (to serve on committees) to regional organization leaders
 - Should we be recruiting members for content and not necessarily geographic regions?
 - Will looking for specific content expertise help on projects?
 - 2 comments (Corrine)
 - Disciplines are important, as far as expertise
 - Need to know what the driving issues are right now and how does each discipline tackle them.
 - Do we want to modify the size of the committee? The At Large positions?
 - University of Wisconsin rural soc group would like to become involved on the committee
 - Recommendation – to hold on the committee numbers (think through until next meeting)
 - Disciplines are important, regions are important – what the ultimate number is not specified

- Can we put a statement in that says diverse (geographically, discipline) membership as opposed to a specific number required?
- Quorum – simple majority (50%) of those who attend the meeting
- Voting electronically when changes are made
- Election of Secretary/Vice-Chair
 - Nominations? Kevan Lamm self nominated
 - Kevan Lamm was elected as Secretary/Vice-Chair (2023-2025)
- Fall Meeting time?
 - In Washington, DC
 - September or October
 - Reach out to APLU and determine a good date (probably a Thursday/Friday)
 - We will meet to determine a good time and send out a Doodle poll

Meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.