



Nevada EPSCoR Advisory Committee

2016 Fall NVEAC Agenda November 28, 2016 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm WebEx Video Link

1. Introductions of new members
 - a. New members were announced: Tammy Bolen; Joe Grzymiski; Cory Hunt; Jason Mendenhall; Zach Miles; Ellen Purpus; Carl Reiber

2. NSF Site Visit update for NEXUS project
 - a. Updates of the site visit were discussed with a NSF panel visiting Nevada for the NEXUS project and it was an overall great way to showcase the program
Handouts included:
Microgrid
Site visit photo near solar 1
Grad student session

3. NSF EPSCoR Track 1 - \$20M pre proposals review/selection
 - a. The project titled, "Materials Platforms for Next-Generation Sustainable Energy Technologies"
Handouts included:
Hatchett (lead PI for UNLV) Summary

4. NEXUS Ambassador Program
 - Program and Goal
 - Invitation to become an Ambassador
 - Information Flyers and NEXUS Newsletter
 - a. **Goal:** Share NEXUS successes, advocate for, and identify funding opportunities for the project through contact with NSHE, the broader public and other stakeholders (e.g., agencies, industry, legislative). In other words, help spread the word about the NEXUS project.

NEXUS Ambassadors will:
 - I. Talk up/mention a feature in the NEXUS Newsletter to their peers and collaborators when it comes out quarterly
 - II. Keep copies of the Nexus 4-page Informational Flyer in their offices to hand to people.
 - III. Send us names of people to whom they have provided NEXUS information

 - b. It was announced that NVEAC members are invited to be our NEXUS Ambassador's and encourage open discussions about this program to those throughout our state. Handouts have been developed as useful tools for bridging communications and can be provided to anyone interested.
 - c. If you speak with someone about the NEXUS project, please email Gayle Dana gayle.dana@dri.edu or Lori brazfield@nshe.nevada.edu and provide their 1) name 2) industry 3) email/ mailing address



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- d. If you would like any of the flyers, please email Gayle or Lori and we will mail you out a pack of 5-10, as requested.

Handouts Included:

Four page flyer
Newsletter

4. NASA EPSCoR CAN Update

- a. Information was shared that the expected new CAN will be released in early 2017 and NASA will accept two proposals per EPSCoR jurisdiction and fund one in 2017 and one in 2018 based on the review and approval to be funded

5. NEXUS Internships for Industry

- a. Information shared on the NEXUS internship program which is looking to partner with UNLV and UNR for industry and student internships.

Handouts Included:

NEXUS Industry Internship document

6. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

- a. It was recommended that Greg Ihde be elected as Chair, the quorum agreed. Pending acceptance by Greg (12/2/2016). Vice Chair Rick Eckert was recommended and moved for approval. Their positions will serve in these roles from January 2017 – October 2017, with the recommendation and motion for renewal at the winter 2017 meeting.

8. New Business

- a. The option of using WebEx for interfacing meetings was discussed and all were in favor of this format so meetings will be scheduled using this format with optional video conferencing once a year, as needed.
- b. Doodle polls will be used to select dates for the 2017 session

Those in attendance:

Dave Archer

Ellen Purpus

Rick Eckert

Cory Hunt

Joe Grzymiski

Ex officio: Gayle Dana

Administration: Lori Brazfield

Thank you for your service!