

## ABOVE SDT Leadership Meeting 4/16/2013

Attendees: Diane W., Peter G., Dan H., Eric K., Libby L.; Rapporteur: Liz H.

### Discussion of Upcoming Full SDT Telecon

Desire to focus discussion differently during the next full SDT telecon, so a powerpoint was created. The powerpoint diagram discusses linkages between global scale forces and regional scale changes and highlights disturbance as a link between the local and global.

- While the diagram is helpful, some issues were addressed involving the structure of the vulnerability diagram. Dan H. and Eric K. will address those issues.
- Encourage the SDT to develop a plan/diagram themselves. The leadership group can remind the SDT of the overarching issues, the executive summary and the four questions that have been developed and then the full SDT can develop the plan from that. This will help them to feel ownership of the project.

There was an idea to break up the SDT into smaller groups to decide components of the system. This could be done at the La Jolla meeting or prior to a future telecon if needed.

For the telecon, ask the SDT to discuss “what is the most important science issue ABOVE will address and how will this factor into an overarching question?”

- Posing this question to the SDT was thought to be a good idea, but some questions arose as to what a science issue is.
  - A science issue is the most important thing we can learn about that system.
  - Different SDT members could all have different ideas, leave it loose. We can just give the group the boundaries of the revised summary and the 4 science questions and have them work from there.

*Action Item:* Dan will send out an email to the SDT today to ask them to consider the question “what is the most important science issue ABOVE will address and how will this factor into an overarching question?” He will remind the group of the current planning that has already occurred (there are guideposts and constraints including the revised executive summary and the four science questions). Then each SDT member will be asked during tomorrow’s telecon to give their answer.

- This will force the group to start thinking about the issues now so that an overarching question can be crafted during the La Jolla meeting
- Following the SDT’s report back tomorrow, the SDT leadership team can ask for volunteers to think about common threads and ideas
- It is important that the group comes together and focuses as a group and works together. It is OK to spend some time now to ensure that the group takes ownership early on in the planning process.

### Other Business:

- During the next SDT Leadership call
  - Discuss agenda for La Jolla
    - Possibly have first afternoon be small groups
- Should we determine a timeline or objective for each meeting?
  - The La Jolla meeting should determine the overarching and science questions, the Fairbanks meeting should determine study design. Once questions are determined, it may be easier to break into small groups and begin crafting plan
- What is needed in the SDT's report?
  - Diane W. – There is guidance in the “Dear Colleagues” letter and information from BOREAS, although ABoVE should not be a repeat of BOREAS.
    - It is good to think about a nominal outline now, but it is not needed until July. The group should not write too much of a plan before the final details are discussed in the face-to face meetings first.
    - *Action Item:* Diane W. will write starting ideas to get the group going