

ABoVE SDT Leadership Meeting 4/26/2013

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

Planning for SDT Meeting in La Jolla

Discussion of Goals for SDT Meeting:

- Eric K. and Dan H. prepared a list of goals and objectives for the meeting
- Diane W.'s objectives for the meeting
 1. Provide an opportunity for the group to get to know one another and feel comfortable with their charge
 2. Discuss sharpening and refining the science questions
 3. Organize the SDT's tasks – prepare for additional meetings, determine possible workgroups, etc.
- Possible SDT meeting outline:
 - Thursday afternoon: Continued discussion of ABoVE's "big thing"
 - Friday morning: Discussion of science questions
 - Friday afternoon: Next steps for the group including planning for the Fairbanks meeting and determining working groups and plans for the Concise Experiment Plan
- Diane W. to prepare a presentation to kick-off the SDT meeting including (20-30 minutes):
 - Current guidance/guideposts for the group to consider (they are not starting from scratch)
 - NASA's unique capabilities in field campaigns (remote sensing capabilities)
 - Outcomes of past field campaigns
- Peter G. may do a presentation to discuss the LBA experience and the job of the CCE office
 - A few slides about the ABoVE information and datasets that have been put together would be helpful either in this presentation or in another presentation
- Eric K. prepared a table of the "Big Thing" comments by the SDT and suggested it be used to focus a further discussion of an ABoVE overarching question or "Big Things". A discussion followed:
 - The table could help with a discussion, but the last column is more about tools and techniques than what will be done in ABoVE.
 - The goal of the table is to show what each SDT member felt was most important and to organize the thoughts of the group. If this table is used to organize further discussion of ABoVE's "Big Thing", it will be important to remind the group that there are already guideposts for the campaign.
- Dan H. proposed using a conceptual diagram to guide the SDT discussion
 - The LBA conceptual diagram was one idea, but the LTER conceptual diagram would be a better fit for the ABoVE discussion.
 - Diane W. – The LTER diagram could be presented as is at the meeting; it could be discussed, and applied to the ABoVE campaign as needed.

- Eric K. – This diagram was used at the Boulder workshop as well to discuss the impacts to society from fire disturbance.
- This diagram can be used to discuss important processes and could help the SDT divide into working groups.
- Action Items:
 - Dan H. and Eric K. to work on SDT meeting agenda and pass out to group (see outline on page 1)
 - Diane W., Peter G. and Eric K. to prepare presentations for SDT and/or TE meetings
 - The SDT Leadership group should plan time to meet next Thursday and Friday evenings to debrief from meeting.

Other Business:

- Some SDT members cannot attend the La Jolla meeting