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Participation as a Regional Consortium within the National NEON planning Process

Working Group 3

MAREO Meeting 9/2004

Nominations to National Committees

- We need to encourage/promote the participation of MAREO participants in the NEON planning process
- Participation requires a substantial time commitment
- Need to help encourage institutional and individual diversity in the pool

Rationale

- Want willing volunteers
- Want multiple nominations for people from MAREO so they are more likely to be selected
- Don't have time for a formal election process, so use individual endorsements by way of nominations

Suggested Actions

- Sign up sheets at MAREO meeting
 - People at meeting willing to participate
 - Names of people NOT HERE who would be excellent participants (if willing)
- People willing to participate should nominate themselves
- Get volunteers to contact people not here to see if they are willing and circulate names that are
- MAREO participants are encouraged to nominate people on the sign-up sheets

ID of Relevant Data and Resources

- Lots of discussion about the wide array of organizations/data resources in Mid-Atlantic
- Want to encourage participation in SiteDB when available in November
- Get “low hanging fruit” in SiteDB, then pursue harder reaches (NGOs etc.)

Web-Based Participation

- Want to make sure our views are represented even on groups that have no MAREO members

Actions

- Identify “shadow” members of each planning committee who will:
 - review planning committee reports,
 - circulate issues to MAREO, and
 - provide responses to reports and queries
- We need to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of the “shadow” committee members

Focus on Synthesis & Communication

- A confusing question!
- Extensive discussion of outreach
 - We are a biased, self-selected subset of region
 - Need to reach out to:
 - To agencies, NGOs etc.
 - “Advertise” future meetings via email lists
 - ESA Mid-Atlantic Chapter
 - Use web site to list MAREO projects etc.
- Time is short!