

State Committee for Research

Monday, February 13, 2023

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Agenda:

1. Review and approve [December 5, 2023 notes](#) – Paul Layer, 2 min.
None opposed.
2. Innovators Hall of Fame 2023 update– Paul Layer, 10 min.
Two nominees: Mary Beth Lee of UAF for work with STEAM and Lee Monk of UAA for work with lithium and other ore deposits. The induction will take place in Juneau at the JEDC Innovation Summit. There will be a write up in the Alaska Business magazine. A discussion for the next meeting to propose new ideas and proposals of a different structure which will encourage more nominees.
3. [JEDC Innovation Summit](#), March 15-16, 2023 - Brian Holst, 10 min.
Brian Holst will extend an invitation to the Lieutenant Governor to be at the Summit to present the Innovators Hall of Fame award at UAS.
4. Senator Lisa Murkowski, co chair of the Senate Arctic Caucus, welcomed President Biden's intent to nominate Alaskan Dr. Mike Srega to be the Ambassador at large for the arctic.
5. EPSCoR/IDEA Coalition and Foundation Update - Paul Layer
Feb 27- March 1st will be the annual meeting in Washington DC. Paul is the State representative on the coalition. Nettie Level Hammer is the representative on the foundation. The funding for these programs is rising which is beneficial for us to advocate for Alaska.
6. February [NSF EPSCoR Update](#) – Brenda Konar, 10 min.
Cosponsored the Ignite workshop which brought in staff, faculty and students around the State with the help of the Vice Chancellor of Research. There were 74 participants which was hugely successful. A new grant will possibly be awarded at the end of March. 25% of grant awards will go to EPSCoR states. There is a possibility of a second grant awarded which we will be soliciting ideas for input.

7. INBRE Update – Brian Barnes, 10 min.
Building capacity, biomedical and health research throughout the state. Currently underway with the renewal application for the 5th year award. Sharon Milgram, the director of the NIH office of their training and education gave a 2 day workshop on resiliency encouraging students, staff and faculty to stay optimistic. PhD student Jessica Johnson published one of her chapters called, “Amino acid nitrogen isotope ratios respond to fish and meat intake in a 12 week inpatient feeding study of men.” The editorial published in the same issue called, “Rough Diamond to Polished gem”, which celebrated UAF national and international stature using this technique towards informing nutritional studies.
8. DoE EPSCoR Update - Mari Shirazi, 10 min.
There are now 5 EPSCoR jurisdictions. We are applying for one more two year period. We are submitting pre-applications already with the 5 teams. The lab work is getting recognition in quality data with requests to use this data for other projects. Later in the Spring (May 22) is the Energy Conference.
9. NASA EPSCoR update – Denise Thorsen, 10 min.
An article on a NASA website is related to the work that Kelly Drew is doing on hibernating squirrels. Over the years her students and postdocs have received space grant funding. These EPSCoR programs work collaboratively to support an idea which is of interest to a variety of people for different reasons.
10. Future topics/Roundtable – All, time remaining

Upcoming Events:

3/15-16/2023 - [JEDC Innovation Summit](#)