

State Committee for Research Notes

Friday, June 7, 2024

3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[Zoom Recording](#)

Agenda:

1. Review and approve [December 18, 2023 notes](#) – Paul Layer
2. [Innovators Hall of Fame 2024](#) update– Paul Layer

Honoring Innovation in Alaska is important.

A celebration of Innovation of our State.

Applicants will need to reapply deadline in September.

Important to consider an Indigenous Award.

3. [NSF EPSCoR](#) update - Brenda Konar

We were funded for Track 1. We are finishing up the Fire and Ice project.

The interface of change July 1. There will be a facilitator at the meeting at UAA. We will be working on our strategic plan for funding of the new Track 1. We have been funding student travel. Started science Olympiad 2023 sponsoring middle school aged kids. We are looking for sponsors for next year. AK Science Olympiad at UAF - March 28-29, 2025 It's been a great success.

4. [INBRE](#) Update – Brian Barnes

August of 2025 will be additional 5 years of funding. Expanding opportunities for undergraduates. Will be in Utqiagvik in August. Statewide retreat in Talkeetna with over 100 participants. 25 are traveling to Washington DC to participate in a meeting. Will be hosting Western Regional Conference in Anchorage. Our program is flourishing and making an impact on researchers.

5. [NASA EPSCoR](#) update – Denise Thorsen

Has been undergoing a change in leadership which lead to new learning and help educate the new program coordinator. We previously published a stimuli book which tended to lead to better proposals. The new program coordinator would like to resurrect this resource. This year has been funded to supporting the researchers. Space grant program is going through a renewal. They are going to hire an external evaluator.

6. DoE EPSCoR Update - Mari Shirazi

Mari couldn't attend today. 6th and last year funding in August. Research Track 2 grant which is being funded.

7. Changes to the NSF EPSCoR program and the role of SCoR - Paul Layer
8. [Science and Technology Plan](#) - Paul Layer
9. Future topics/Roundtable – All, time remaining
10. Anupma's add for next agenda 2032-2033 the only Arctic State representing big opportunity. Indigenous led science. Note to update website with current meeting minutes.
11. Future discussion in Sept (more on a quarterly schedule) about Membership and