

**Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee
(BERAC) Meeting**

**June 12, 2017
Teleconference**

BERAC Members Present

Gary Stacey, Chair
Dennis Baldocchi
James Hack
Bruce Hungate
Anthony Janetos
Cheryl Kuske
L. Ruby Leung
Gerald Meehl
Jerry Melillo
Gloria Muday

Kristala Jones Prather
James Randerson
Karin Remington
Philip Robertson
Karen Schlauch
David Stahl
Judy Wall
John Weyant
Minghua Zhang
Huimin Zhao

Designated Federal Officer

Tristram West

Public Attendance

20 other participants attended the conference call.

The teleconference began at 2pm, and the meeting came to order at 2:02pm.

Tris West took roll call of the BERAC members in attendance. Twenty members were in attendance, thereby surpassing the threshold of fourteen needed for a quorum. Official BERAC business was started.

Sharlene Weatherwax provided brief opening comments on the BER budget.

Gary Stacey provided brief opening remarks on the progress and need of the Grand Challenges report.

Tris West began discussion on the Executive Summary. Each section of the Summary was discussed and reviewed. Comments were provided to clarify, fill gaps, and ensure balance throughout the Summary, based on existing content in the full report. Writing team leads, each of whom are members of BERAC and the Grand Challenges report subcommittee, commented on the status of their respective sections.

At 3:45pm, a vote was held to accept or decline the Executive Summary. BERAC voted to accept the Summary following integration of edits that were provided during the call.

Tris West indicated that the Executive Summary would be revised within one week and distributed to BERAC once complete. Additionally, the full report chapters would be returned to writing team leads, complete with merged comments, for revision by June 21.

General comments from BERAC were received. No public comments were offered. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm.