UCAR Update

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President

Annual Members Meeting
October 14, 2014
Focus Areas

Our leadership team continues to lay the foundations for the next 5 years:

• Strategic Planning
• Advancing NCAR and our Community
• Operational Excellence Program
Leadership

• Our leadership team is in place

• New Human Resources Director, Maria Isquierdo

UCAR President’s Council

Tom Bogdan
Emily CoBabe-Ammann
Jim Hurrell
Maria Isquierdo
Katy Schmoll
Michael Thompson
The plan will:

- Support NCAR’s science and service mission and the research and education mission of our member universities
- UCAR’s value lies in the unique and important service we offer—to strengthen our broad community and help galvanize it for action
Strategic Plan

✓ Board & PACUR
✓ NSF
✓ UCAR & NCAR Staff
✓ Member Representatives

Ongoing discussions:

• Breakout group with Member Reps
• Oct - Staff Town Hall
• Nov – BOT
• Dec - AGU Town Hall
• Jan - AMS Town Hall
Performance Plan

- Phase two of our strategic planning process is to develop a performance plan.

- This will be developed for FY2016 to align metrics with budget and resources.
Government Relations

Weather Service Restructuring

Weather Forecasting Improvement Act
• UCAR is a convener and resource to the Senate on this bill

Congressional Visits Days
• Geosciences (Sept)
Government Relations

UCAR Hill Briefings

Panelists from NCAR & the community

- El Niño and La Niña (Nov. 20, 2014)
- Seasonal/Interannual Predictions
- Wildfire & Drought
- Hurricane Season Predictions
University Relations

Bogdan University Visits
(ongoing)

UVVisit Program

• Facilitates collaboration between the organization and our university community

• Classes, lectures, tutorials or workshops

UMatch Program

• Connecting researchers
Community in the Field

- FRAPPÉ Field Project Colorado, Jul–Aug
- Project funded at $3.5M
- Funders: NSF, State of Colorado, EPA, NOAA, NASA
- Dataset available to the community, end of 2014

Science Question:
What are the factors controlling Northern Front Range Metropolitan Area surface ozone and are current emission controls sufficient to reduce ozone levels below the National Ambient Air Quality Standards?
Community in the Classroom

Unidata

NSF Award: $25M over 5 years

- Geoscience data services will expand
- Cloud-based services will ease computing requirements at universities
Research & Partnerships Summit on Capitol Hill

- May 13, 2015
- Opportunity for our University Members to exhibit
- Demonstrate capabilities and collaborations
Operational Excellence Program

Positioning UCAR for the 2018 re-competition

- June: Successful implementation of Google Apps for Government
- Ongoing modernization of our enterprise IT
- 3- to 5-year program
Questions & Discussion