CESU Directors Call  
01-25-2022

* Virtual CESU National Meeting: Week of June 20th
  + Form planning committee for that
  + Separate meeting into a few hours over a few days
* Working Groups
  + Diversity Equity and Inclusion – have meet a few times thus far
  + Other non-active working groups – put together meetings to see if anything needs to be done for them
* National Office Budget
  + FY2022 – Executed at end of February
  + Submitting to Working Capital Consortium – program change request (asking for additional funding)
    - Asked last year for 2023 and asking this year for 2024
    - Not approved last year – would add an additional staff member
* Collaborative Opportunities
  + Participation in Ecology+ - NSF funded and collaborations with ESA and a university
    - Bring in students and service mentors
    - Want to expand this to include regional hubs into this program and connect with the CESUs
      * Can reach students in the CESUs
    - Asking for funding for two CESU-fellows in the Ecology+ program
    - If funded it would start in September and run for 5 years
      * Post-graduate level positions
  + FY2023 – International Belmont Forum
    - Across countries and organizations – develop research streams in human and environment topics
    - We can participate by providing funds or expertise
    - Collaborate on their public health and environment research
  + Connection btw CESU and all-hazards response
    - Response protocol developed and supported by CESUs
    - CESU partners with resources could be added to response team list
      * Logistical and travel needs supported through CESU funding
    - SEER – similar organization
  + CESU Program Evaluation Session
    - Want for student involvement and feedback
    - Project extended through the end of March
    - Be able to present on the sessions at the national meeting
  + Add US Forest Service Systems in GLNF and Gulf Coast