

**NFUSE Steering Team**  
**March 28, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Paul Hirschberg  
Andrea Bleistein  
Lee Anderson  
Suzanne Lenihan  
Zoltan Toth  
Kenneth Johnson  
David Myrick  
Peter Browning  
Aimee Devaris  
Lewis Kozlosky  
Frank Richards  
John Sokich  
Leroy Spayd  
Andy Edman  
Dave Novak  
Steve Smith  
Bernard Meisner  
Kirstin Gurka

**Topics and Summary:**

- 1) Approval of Minutes
- 2) Action Item Review
  - March 14th meeting minutes approved
  - Review of Existing Action Items
    - Action to provide Doug Hilderbrand with list of current uncertainty forecast (UF) related activities **still open**
- 3) Announcements
  - Ops. Comm briefing scheduled for April 11th
  - NFUSE website running
    - Please submit any suggestions to Andrea Bleistein
- 4) Generating input for FY10-14 PPBES (A. Devaris)
  - **Summary**
    - Aimee discussed what is included in the Weather & Water Goal portion for PPBES
      - Emphasis on looking at the gaps that exist in funding projects/programs now
        - Lesson Learned: Looking at creating an overarching theme for NOAA to sell initiatives
      - Vision for 2015 – still in draft form
      - High Impact Operations Planning FY10-14 Objectives

- High Impact Operations Planning FY10-14 Approach
- FY10-14 Planning Challenges
- Slides that show current R&D initiatives in OAR supporting high impact operations/services

- **General Discussion**

- Ques: How will an infrastructure really get into place for these tools/initiatives?
  - Ans: There is a need for an integrated look in order to make connections with funding, etc...
    - Making sure that what the NWS provides is what the user/customer wants
    - Impression right now is that there is a disconnect
- Ques: When is information needed for the POP (Program Operating Plan)?
  - Ans: April 16-27<sup>th</sup> info is needed for the database
    - May 24-25<sup>th</sup> is when edits are made
  - POP phase – Supposed to put all ideas on the table – everything!
    - Ideas are analyzed and prioritized for program plan
  - How to get Uncertainty issues into the POP?
    - Look at excerpts from last years' s plan and make improvements/edits
- Feeling that we must have an end user in mind first – to show end-to-end connections with economic benefit
  - Need to have in mind first but not for the program phase of PPBES
- Resources from the CONOPS FY09-13 budget will need to be reallocated and the Uncertainty initiative could potentially be an option for that money.
- Link 9 recommendations to start the process of putting together a plan
- Subgroup formation:
  - Will look at input from last year's plan to have something to provide to the POP
  - Add to and edit last year's plan
- Still plenty of time for the customer dialog information

5) Follow-up on Ensemble Workshop recommendations (Z. Toth)

- **Summary**

- Agreement on recommendations
  - They are the first step to an integrated plan
- One issue is to look at the forecaster/service provider as a user too!
  - Not a focus of the NRC report
  - Consider users as an umbrella
- Talk to our partners – Ray Ban
  - Put a small meeting together
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ensemble recommendations review

6) **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Subgroup to put a plan together for PPBESS by the April 11th NFUSE Meeting.
  - Leroy Spayd, Zolton Toth, Andy Edman, Paul Hirschberg, Suzanne Lenihan, Frank Richards and Lee Anderson
- Organize focus groups for some workshops. – Paul Hirschberg
  - Invite Ray Ban and others

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**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 11, 2:30-4:00 EST**

**Topic:**

- **Observational and analysis uncertainty. How good is good enough? (D. Myrick, A. Edman, K. Werner)**
- **Review draft plan for PPBES POP**