Lead PIs and second representatives to SC meeting:

Here is a plan for the Lead PI meeting, to take place during the upcoming SC meeting, at 7 pm on Wednesday, May 16. There may be some changes in this plan.

We will have a general discussion of the Thirty-Year Review. There was also a request that NSF representatives give us an overview of how the renewal panel went but word from Saran suggests they aren't yet ready to discuss this.

We wanted to have part of the discussion with, and part without, NSF. I’ll plan how to schedule that.

We will discuss four topics requested by the group, following the format of last year, in which discussants among us give 5 minutes of their prepared thoughts on the topic, followed by open discussion. The topics and discussants for each, are:

*Site Reviews: how to prepare and run them*
Duckworth, Blair, Stanley, Reed

*What to do when you are on probation*
Collins, Brokaw, Reuss

*Budgeting decisions: how to allocate funds within an LTER program*
Kelly, Alber, McKnight

*Deciding between maintaining long term, "core" time series measurements, or downscaling them to make resources available for new research*
Robertson, Giblin, Peters, Foster

Nick Brokaw