All Scientists Meeting 2003
What to decide:

- Date
- Venue
- Program committee
- Format
- Duration
- Cost analysis
- Alone or with another group
One alternative

March 4-8, 2003
New Orleans, Louisiana
Hachero•Hill will provide the following services for the LTER All Scientists Meeting:

1. Logistics Management
2. Publications Management
3. Development of Logistics Project Schedule
4. Registration
5. Site Selection by LTER.

All conference services, including, but not limited to: audio-visual; food/beverage; facility selection; social arrangements; signage, registration stock; registration procedures; and exhibits arrangements will be approved by LTER.
Upside

- Interaction with AAG
- Joint symposium relating social sciences and ecology
- Possible linkage with biocomplexity projects
- Share conference organizer
- NSF/SBE interest in promoting joint meeting
Downside

- Hotel is booked after AAG; would need to use hotel one mile away
- Cost of conference organizer around $60K
- First hotel proposal quotes $199 for a double room
- Not insurmountable problems, but not ideal
We must decide

Upscale meeting with other group

vs.

Stand alone meeting where we control costs
Recommendations

• Dates – September-October 2003

• Venue
  – Default is YMCA of the Rockies
  – Alternatives include:
    • Anchorage
    • Southern Florida
    • Santa Fe
Recommendations (cont.)

- **Duration**
  - Four days over a weekend

- **Format**
  - Similar to Snowbird with an emphasis on products and with more unstructured time
  - Possible elements for program
    - Description of research at new sites (coastal and urban);
    - Plenary talks could focus on themes common to new sites (e.g., coastal, urban, social science, technology)

Possible daily formats
- Plenary, plenary, free, lunch, working groups
- Plenary, working group, lunch, plenary, working group, free
Recommendations (cont.)

• Program Committee
  – Waide and Michener
  – Grad student co-chairs

• Cost analysis
  – Rough costs ($200K from DEB, OCE, HER, OPP; $125K from INT; $25K = symposium from SBE)
  – Will need a supplement proposal by end of April
  – We need to do a real cost analysis before the CC meeting
What about 2006 and 2009?