

Organizational structure(s) for CENTRUS NEON

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Current structures in other regional groups

- Most complex of the current structures is found in the IRON group (Intermountain Regional Observatory Network)
 - Executive committee
 - Executive committee chair, Jim MacMahon
 - Executive committee seven members from USGS, UNR, BLM, WSU, NAU, USFS
 - Organizing committee
 - 20 members representing each of the participating universities or agencies in the group
 - Strong web presence
 - Active meetings, formation of new committees in the works

Current structures in other regional groups

- Pacific Ecological Observatory (PNEON)* has a committee of representatives representing all of the participating universities
 - Ken Kaneshiro and Jo-Ann Leong are continuing effort to organize a Pacific Region NEON
 - Working groups – identify the major ecological and environmental challenges for the Pacific Region
 - Integration team – ensure collaborative efforts mindful of different resources in the area
 - Working groups on cyberinfrastructure and informatics
 - Training and Capacity Development group
- *originally paired with Caribbean Islands group

Current structures in other regional groups

- Most of the other regions have either:
 - An executive/organizational committee with representatives covering the geographic range of the region
 - No organization listed on the IBRCS web site

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- Our structure currently consists of representatives on an executive committee
 - Alan Knapp, Colorado State University
 - John Blair, Kansas State University
 - Carol Johnston, South Dakota State Univ.
 - Leonard Krishtalka, University of Kansas
 - Linda Wallace, University of Oklahoma

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- We have many options today
- Keep the current structure
- Additional representatives in the current structure (TX, NE, Feds?)
- Start over with another, unknown structure