

Minutes from WInSAR EC Telecon
Sept 21, 2012

Attendance: Eric Fielding, Rowena Lohman, Shimon Wdowinski, David Schmidt, Rob Mellors, Fran Boler, Chris Crosby, Matt Pritchard

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Agenda:

- 1) Discuss and approve the amendments to the WInSAR Charter (by-laws)
 - 2) TSX Archive proposals and ordering
 - 3) TSX tasking request list discussion and approval
 - 4) ALOS-2 proposals
 - 5) Elections update
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By-laws

The EC unanimously approved the changes to the by laws. The updated amendments will be passed along to the UNAVCO board for approval.

TSX proposals and data ordering

DLR has released an announcement of opportunity that solicits research projects that utilize TerraSAR-X data. The EC feels that this is an important opportunity for the membership. The committee discussed how to organize and categorize future data requests from the archive. Eric will send out an email to the membership to seek volunteers to help write the specific proposals. We expect that multiple proposals will be written by WInSAR members in order to cover the range of geographic and scientific targets. A UNAVCO representative should be included as a PI on each proposal in order for the data to be archived at WInSAR. These proposals have the same limitations (frame and investigator limitations) as previous data proposals to DLR.

TSX tasking

WInSAR needs to request an increase in the quota on TSX acquisitions. Eric will follow up on this. We have tasked ~850 scenes to date. The footprint maps are found on the website. The EC reviewed the updated tasking requests.

ALOS-2 proposals

In addition to the TSX proposals, there is currently an opportunity to request ALOS-2 data. The EC decided to first focus on the TSX proposals, and then to use the prepared text to help formulate the ALOS-2 proposals. ALOS-2 ScanSAR will be compatible with interferometry.

Elections

The nominating committee for the upcoming elections will include Eric Fielding, David Sandwell, Meghan Miller, and Falk Amelung. The membership is encouraged to suggest the names of possible candidates to the committee.