

# NATIONAL STATE DATA CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

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Melissa Stefanini (TN), *Co-Secretary*

*Representing a Network of 1,800  
SDC/BIDC Data Centers and Affiliates  
Nationwide*

Allen Barnes (AZ)  
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Pam Schenker (FL)  
Jennifer Shultz (PA)

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## State Data Center (SDC) Business Meeting, April 2, 2017 Westin Alexandria, Alexandria Virginia

<b>Steering Committee (SC)</b>
Allen Barnes Gregg Bell Bob Coats (term ending) Todd Graham Charles Rynerson Pam Schenker Jennifer Shultz Melissa Stefanini (term beginning) Dan Veroff

The meeting began at 6:30 pm EDT

### **Administration**

- Steering Committee officer elections were conducted: Chair Todd, Vice Chair Dan, Co-Secretaries Charles and Melissa, and Census Information Center (CIC) Liaison Allen. Jenn newly appointed as Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates (FSCPE) Liaison. All elected unanimously.
  - *[Note: Our committee offered to exchange "liaisons" between the FSCPE and SDC steering committees. Discussing this with Jeff Hardcastle on April 10, Jeff has instead proposed occasional, more focused meetings between the committee chairs. Todd has agreed to FSCPE committee's preference.]*
- Thanks for Bob's service.

### **Goals for Coming Year**

- Establishing or deepening our relationships with Census Bureau offices/branches where we have a stake in their work. Especially, this year, we need to revive the relationships with the Regional Office (RO) field partnership teams and RO geographers.
- Encouraging Customer Liaison and Marketing Services Office (CLMSO) staff toward improved customer service, accountability and follow thru on tasks that are in support of Steering Committee and SDC members.

- Holding ourselves accountable – executing on our best ideas. The Steering Committee member role is more than showing up for meetings and calls – we need to advance the projects that we talk about with work between meetings.
- Building the sense of a professional network, with respect to the shared experience and interests of our professionals working in States, Universities, etc.

### **Future Meetings**

- Next Steering Committee conference call May 9. No meeting: April 11.
- Bylaws are ready to be reviewed by Steering Committee. Pam will circulate before the May 9 conference call. Subsequent steps are: Steering Committee endorsement, circulating this to the full network, conducting a network election on bylaws.
- Webinar-format meeting suggested for full SDC network this summer. Agenda will come together at our May and June conference calls. Starting items are:
  - A refresher on the SDC Clearinghouse website and how to provide content there. (Todd)
  - Proposing some modest housekeeping changes to SDC network bylaws. (Pam)
  - Open forum: Goals of the SDC network and how we pursue those goals.
- Discussion of in-person Steering Committee meeting this summer. No decision was made.