

Yerkes Study Group
Agenda
May 4, 2007

We will meet next Friday as earlier announced, at 10:30, the usual time.

This will be a well-attended meeting. My understanding is that Marge cannot make the meeting, and I am not sure about Lucy and John, but I expect the rest to attend. Please let me know of any corrections to this, and whether you would like to call in.

Please find attached the current draft of the letter to Doug, of which you have seen earlier drafts. Thanks for all the comments, which are included in this version. I would like to post this letter on the YSG web page - it is written to help everyone understand what we are trying to accomplish.

Doug will be at our meeting this Friday and I'm copying him on this as a new member of the team.

Copied below (with some corrections) are the words in the minutes that Judy sent around for the past meeting, just in case you missed it:

The next meeting will be May 4. Doug Sarno will be present, and we can discuss the progress he has made so far. We can discuss the above outline of what we can say in the June report (which of course will depend heavily on Dougs work). Finally, we can continue to explore the model science centers. The ones that so far seem to be of greatest interest (at least for some of their programs) are:

Exploratorium
Science Museum of Minnesota
Chabot Space and Science Center
Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
Fernbank
something in Cincinnati Lucy will check
Rich reminds the YSG that there were two models discussed in the faculty report of last year:

Dyer Observatory of Vanderbilt University
Leander McCormick Observatory of the University of Virginia

My expectation is that we will spend a lot of time talking to Doug, since by then I expect he will have already conducted several interviews. We may want to review the list of interviewees and plan for the next round. Doug wants to finish this phase quickly since he has other obligations in June.

Next in importance will be discussing what we can say in our interim June report, and how we can organize ourselves to write it. The draft outline was circulated in the minutes, but I hope to have a better version by Friday.

Finally, we can continue the discussion of the model science centers; the previous discussion was quite productive.