

Conference Call Summary

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Both the proposal from NBII and the proposal email from Rob Sosnowski (via Tony Pernas) had been sent to the ExCom previously by email. Concerns of each were discussed.

Concerns of the Rob Sosnowski proposal were:

- What would the yearly maintenance agreement include; What would it cost?
- As it is a part of the proposal that the developer retain ownership of the application (with a licensing agreement with SE EPPC), if this person decides to change jobs, what happens to the application?
- We would have to purchase a \$1000 computer to act as the server for this application as it operates with something other than Windows.

Concerns of the NBII proposal were:

- It suddenly required a commitment from SE EPPC for \$3000 per year (other proposal seems to require a \$1000 start up fee; with follow-up work being address through a yearly maintenance fee or by the hour). ExCom did not feel we could make this commitment.
- ExCom was concerned about completely losing ownership of this project (i.e. simply being an icon on the corner of the NBII webpage)
- Either way, ExCom felt it was important to maintain a good working relationship with NBII.

Chuck planned to talk to Rob Sosnowski as well as FL EPPC to get the answers to the questions above. Based on the answers, he would make a recommendation to the board.

Chuck also planned to talk to NBII to express our inability to commit to the financial request. However, he would also express our interest in entering into a mutual data-sharing agreement with them should we go this other route. Further, he would find out if NBII could contribute any money toward this to serve as a way to fund system training and herbarium research through state EPPC's.