Executive Summary of XSEDE Advisory Board Meeting, June 20, 2018

Meeting Date: June 20, 2018

Meeting Place: Teleconference via Skype

***Preface*:** *The main topic of this call was a debrief following the June NSF Panel Review. Agenda and meeting notes are available for XAB members at*
[*https://confluence.xsede.org/display/XT/XAB+2018+June+Call*](https://confluence.xsede.org/display/XT/XAB+2018+June+Call).

Summary of meeting comments and XAB suggestions

Recap of June NSF Panel Review:

John shared that the NSF review went very well despite the fact that review panelists were provided and prepared only a couple days prior to the review and many were new to the program. Highlights from the review included discussion of long-term science impacts such as SCEC, Campus Champions celebrating their 10-year anniversary, and giving back to the community through applications and supporting software infrastructure that benefit the broader community. Each L2 area provided a presentation with highlights from their area. The team received five general questions from panel, which were easy to address, and three additional questions were received the next morning for which the team finalized and submitted responses while the panel began writing their report. John had a final debrief with the remaining panelists. They were complimentary to the project about its vision and maturity. The marketing plan was received well, and they provided suggestions for improved communications. The team is currently awaiting the report from the panel and will share it with the XAB.

The Advisory Board members shared thoughts in response to John's recap. They felt the panel was looking at how XSEDE could tell its story better by sharing what has been learned and how the project continues to grow in response. The fact that the panel didn't poke holes in the presentation is a sign that XSEDE is doing a good job at something that is brand new and has maturity. It was noted that the team did re-think its general formula and provided more context and dug deeper into one example (External Relations), rather than providing a survey of many. This approach worked well. The team noted there was a renewed emphasis on impact—why people care—instead of having the numbers as the main focus. It was suggested that focusing on quantitative data on demographics in the future would be beneficial as the panel wants to learn more about what XSEDE is doing and how it benefits the community. The team noted that all XSEDE is doing to promote diversity within the XSEDE workforce was a theme and that the panel was complimentary about the leadership transition for ECSS and noted that a transition such as this going smoothly in a complicated organization says a lot about the quality of the management and teamwork.

John closed by shared that Bob approving spending through PY8, and although he didn't state it, it is likely we will not have a mid-year review as we did last year.