

**Resolution by the Board Members of the Foundation for Earth Science Information Partners to merge the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners and the Foundation for Earth Science Information Partners into a single membership non-profit [501(c)3] organization ~~called the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners.~~**

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**Whereas** the Foundation for Earth Science Information Partners (hereafter Foundation), a Washington DC based 501(c)3 organization has been providing staffing, financial and other services to ESIP for more than a decade; and,

**Whereas** the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners (hereafter ESIP), an informal membership organization, seeks to simplify and regularize its governance system for staffing, financial and decision-making purposes; and,

**Whereas** the memorandum of understanding that connects these two organizations has always included a complex process for deciding and approving staffing, budgets, and goals; and,

**Whereas** the Board of the Foundation and the Executive Committee of ESIP have both determined that the best way forward is to merge the two organizations into a single membership organization;

The Foundation Board resolves to do the following:

- A. It is resolved to merge ESIP and the Foundation into a single membership [501(c)3] organization ~~which shall be called the Federation of Earth Science Information Partners.~~
- B. It is further resolved that each current member of ESIP will be invited to be a founding member of the ~~Federation of Earth Science Information Partners~~ [501(c)3] organization under its bylaws.
- C. It is further resolved that the current staff of the Foundation will continue as staff of the ~~Federation of Earth Science Information Partners~~ [501(c)3] organization under the same conditions as their present employment.
- D. It is further resolved that the modified Foundation Bylaws will become the ~~Federation of Earth Science Information Partners~~ [501(c)3] organization Bylaws.
- E. It is further resolved that the Foundation Board will work closely with the ESIP Executive Committee, Foundation staff and legal advisors to accomplish this merger in an efficient manner.