

## **Steering Committee Chair's Report**

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#### 1) Task Group activities:

The Ionosphere/Thermosphere Task Group and the Magnetosphere Task Groups have completed their charters and they were discharged in mid-2007. The current Task Groups are Solar, End Users, and Ground-Based. We are about to initiate the Heliospheric Task Group, and input is requested from ILWS team members.

It was determined that a theory and modeling task group may not have a clear charge, so it was decided that in lieu of a task group we have invited a leader of the modeling community to serve in an *ex officio* capacity. Michael Hesse of the Community Coordinated Modeling Center (CCMC) has agreed to serve in this role.

Similarly, a discussion of a data task group indicated that it was not clear that there would be utility in this activity. Rather, we will encourage a meeting of data system representatives throughout the ILWS community to have a special discussion on data systems.

#### 2) ILWS Organization:

David Sibeck has stepped down in his role as ILWS Executive Secretary. NASA has provided one for six years, and we are interested in determining whether other agencies may want to serve in this capacity.

ILWS Chair: ILWS Steering Committee Chairs serve for two years. The first three chairs were, respectively, Hermann Opgenoorth, William Liu, and Madhulika Guhathakurta. Currently, it is not clear who will serve the 2009-2010 term.

Meeting Frequency: The Steering Committee meets annually, but it remains to be decided