



# Steering Group Meeting Notes

9/11/19 Attendees: Sam Zeller, Erica Snider, Katherine Lato

While we knew that Lynn Garren was retiring the end of January, 2020, we recently learned that Paul Russo is leaving the middle of September. Paul was providing customer support on LArSoft tickets and expertise on multi-threading for LArSoft. We do not yet know what the replacement strategy is. The division needs to grow multi-threading, vectorization expertise in-house, so will continue to push forward in this area.

Due to the changes in available resources, the project needs to shift some responsibilities to the experiments, particularly in the area of code and release management.

- MacOS support - LArSoft support for Mac builds is ending. Could either find someone else to support those builds, or have MacOS developers use SLF containers. (Note that support for those containers will not come from the SciSoft team.)
- GitHub Migration - Need to identify people in experiments for manager roles defined in the pull request workflow. See slides from Patrick Gartung's presentation [Migration of LArSoft repos to GitHub](#).

Note - There is a UK Pandora workshop at the end of October in Manchester, where the Pandora team hopes to recruit people to use and develop Pandora.

The project has begun the annual process of gathering input from the experiments to inform the 2020 LArSoft work plan. We have met with DUNE and SBND so far, and have meetings scheduled with ICARUS and MicroBooNE.

Went over the 2019 work plan. There has been considerable progress on all of the major sub-projects -- migration to GitHub and pull-requests, making LArSoft thread-safe and introducing multi-threading and vectorization in production code, organizing a training session and workshop, development of a new build system based on Spack, infrastructure work needed to support NuWro integration -- leaving only the work on the event display as the one sub-project that has not seen significant progress.

MicroBooNE: nothing to add.