Promoting Collaborative Efforts
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1. Value of collaboration
   - Resource sharing or complementary skills
   - Decreased redundancy
   - Greater credibility
   - Only way to address multi-jurisdictional issues
   - Could lead to actual implementation (not just data collection)
   - Prevents reinvention of the wheel
   - Reevaluate needs
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1. Value of collaboration
   – Increases visibility
   – Initial involvement improves success
   – Increases energy
   – New ideas (view points)
   – Reevaluate needs
   – Increases energy
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2. Barriers/challenges associated with moving forward

- Not knowing what others are doing
- Institutional thinking (politics)
- REaction, not PROaction)
- Time constraints
- Lack of vision (crisis management)
- Funding
- Distance
- Feds should lead by example
- Need more success stories
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2. Barriers/challenges associated with moving forward
   – Lack of communication/trust
   – Fear someone else will get credit
   – Moving from ME to US
   – Concerns about job loss
   – Lack of long-term national goals to help direct prioritization
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2. Barriers/challenges associated with moving forward

- Lack of urgency – need to be able to clearly show the value
- Must spend time and resources responding to lawsuits, regulatory requirements, etc. rather than priorities
  - “defensive management”
- Narrow agency focus
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3. Tools/resources/guidance needed
   - Better communication (open minds)
   - Directory/database of skills
   - Money
   - Short course for states that can’t travel
   - Paid facilitators
   - Statewide assessment of WQ goals (are goals being met?)
   - State Council guidance (pitfalls, tips, fact sheets, WIFM, etc.)
   - Condensed version of workshops to take with you
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4. Council role in moving collaboration forward
   - Keep conference going – maintain bi-yearly interval
   - Include results from past conferences at the next conference – share accomplishments
   - Continue to ID national trends & share info
   - Act as conduit for success stories
   - Lead by example
   - Provide workshop/info on facilitation
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4. Council role in moving collaboration forward

- Reach out to non-Council member orgs – pull them into projects
- Create a user-friendly guide to DQOs
- States-helping-States monthly calls on different topics (ASIWPCA) – chat room?
- Publicize Council meetings better
- Make the case for value of collaboration (publicize success stories, etc.)