

ANREP Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday September 21, 2011

Beginning Time: 3:00 PM Eastern Time (2:00 PM CT, 1:00 PM MT, noon PT)

Wiki website: <http://anrepagenda.wikispaces.com/> (log on to see past meeting minutes, etc.)

Voting Members in Attendance: Eleanor Burkett (stepping in to take notes for Ursula), Duane Friend, Dean Solomon, Mike Kuhns, Ursula Smedley, Amy Grotta

Executive Secretary: Bill Hubbard

Not attending: Jeff Schalau, Brenda Allen

Guests: Diana Rashash, Eli Sagor, Mike Reichenbach, Susan Moore, Eric Norland

ITEM 1 - Approval of August 24, 2011 Minutes

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Amy and Ursula needed to leave before we could vote on them so will be put on next month's agenda.

ITEM 2 - Executive Secretary's report - Bill Hubbard

453 members; with about 100 delinquent. W/in a month or two the system will be purged. He is working w/Florida on how they pay for their state dues along with national dues. No major issues.

ITEM 3 - 2012 Conference Report - Susan

-Explain and discuss possible decrease in registration rate to \$220 (using \$5K of scholarship money).
Vote on this.

Susan suggested the conference fee be lowered as follows (reducing each amount by \$70.00):

Early Bird (member): from \$295.00 to \$225.00

Early Bird (non member): \$ 345.00 to \$275.00

For everyone after Early Bird: From \$365.00 to 295.00.

Apply \$5000.00 of the ANREP reserve (\$10,000.00 was reserved) to the overall budget.

Field trips are charged separately as they have varying fee amounts.

Amy asked how much was from taking the field trip and how much from scholarship (Field trip \$20.00 and scholarship \$38.00, the rest was from a misunderstanding on a conference center expense).

Sandy thought that lowering the registration cost and having it so much lower than the last conference that it might reflect badly. Susan reminded us that the food costs will be separate (in with the lodging). These fees cover meeting room facility, program and overhead to put on the meeting and expense of handling the fees for baking, credit cards, poster boards, complimentary registrations for JCEP, travel for keynotes etc.

Field trips range from one no charge to \$25.00 to \$65.00.

Susan - with the economy being so tight that we might have better attendance if we can charge the lower rate. She also likes that the sponsor funds benefit everyone.

Amy supports using some of the scholarship money since we had \$10,000.00 designated, which is double from other years, we will still have the same number of scholarship as in the past.

Mike to be clear this money isn't sponsorship money and we are also looking for money from the forest service for scholarships as well.

Motion: Dean made the following motion, second Ursula. Passed.

Early Bird (member): \$225.00

Early Bird (non member): \$275.00

For everyone after Early Bird: \$295.00.

Apply \$5000.00 of the ANREP reserve to help lower costs.

-Timeline update.

-Registration - they are going to go ahead and open up on the first of October. She is working with Matt to update the ARNEP website. They have a great preconference tour planned and ready to go.

Kanuga deposit: Susan will forward (invoice?) to Dean to pay to Kanuga deposit.

-Abstracts, program update. 99 abstracts so far.

-Program/Plenary speakers: making some progress - have one speaker "Going Forward," and Bob Brown will talk about the future of Extension specialists and where it is going in the future, with a panel including a Ext Director and looking for a Co. Dir or Agent for local perspective. Another talk on people and the land setting the sense of place.

-Scholarships: Amy: Is waiting for Andy (committee chair) to pull the team together. She assumed that they have \$5000.00 to work with. Mike K. found out that the forest service money will come in October and not September (for scholarships for minority students).

ITEM 4 - 2010 Conference Wrap-up Report - Mike Reichenbach

ConferenceSummaryandRecommendations mrr feb11.doc

The report is in draft form and will remain that way. If someone needs the appendices they are not included on the report but people can get through Mike R. or Eleanor.

Mike wants to touch on three things.

Where does ANREP want to go with their conferences?

Highlights:

1. 239 participants (some guests some full paying members),

2. One of the significant things that happened was Amy's work with the Pacific NW research station sponsoring the conference \$5000.00, which was in addition to the \$5000.00 that we got from NIFA. Provided 11 scholarships.
3. We had 3 paid exhibitors which brought in about \$1500.00.
4. We did want to include non Extension since we were on a campus and we got good support for the conference from UAF.
5. We did include Native Alaskan perspective with Oscar Kwagaly
6. We utilized online conference presentations
7. We didn't have as much involvement in 2008 with our national involvement, which was included in 2010.

Recommendations:

1. Keep NIFA in the loop
2. Continue working with exhibitors
3. Plan to work towards a profit
4. Potential with online and satellite
5. The conference book is expensive to print but valued. Can we use electronic means in the future to help bring down these costs, thumb drives, iPads etc.

Sandy, instead of booklet have a summary with a quick response code. Mike R. uses a Kindle.

ITEM 5 - NIFA Update - Eric Norland, National Program Leader

-Include discussion of NIFA rep to speak at 2012 conference.

Eric is still working at the forest service. He does watch NIFA email. In the fiscal year 2012 budget (he sent an email regarding this earlier see below), the house proposal was a train wreck the Senate worked out their own numbers. The final will end up someplace in between. He felt the Senate was pretty generous, Smith Lever higher than the president's and higher than last year.

Emil from Eric - From: Geiger, Paula
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 03:37 PM
To: All Partners Distribution List - NIFA Distribution List; Everyone - NIFA Everyone Distribution List
Subject: Senate Action for FY 2012

On September 7, 2011, the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2012 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations which includes funding for the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). The Committee recommends discretionary funding of \$1,218,725,000 which is \$380,000 below the FY 2011 Full Year Continuing Resolution with .2 percent rescission and \$9,183,000 above the FY 2012 President's Budget Request. Included in the total is an estimate for the Native American Endowment Fund Interest.

The attached table provides program funding information and a comparison of the FY 2011 Full Year Continuing Resolution, 2011 Full Year Continuing Resolution with .2 percent rescission, FY 2012 President's Budget, FY 2012 House floor action, and FY 2012 Senate Committee action funding levels.

The bill includes General Provision 710 which provides that none of the funds in this or any other Act could be used to prohibit the provision of in-kind support from non-Federal sources in the form of unrecovered indirect costs under the Specialty Crop Research Initiative.

The Senate Appropriations Committee does not propose a change in mandatory funding for NIFA from the FY 2012 authorized level.

Information on Conference action on the FY 2012 appropriation will be provided as it becomes available.

Senate Report 112-73 is available on the Library of Congress website at <http://thomas.loc.gov/home/approp/app12.html> (see page 21 for NIFA information). In addition, H.R. 2112 is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/BILLS-112hr2112rs/pdf/BILLS-112hr2112rs.pdf>.

Paula Geiger

Some integrated programs were zeroed out. Water Quality program was scratched then brought back, the system is very supportive of the program.

AFRI program: competitive integrated program with five big science areas including bioenergy and climate change. The RFA was posted today for FY 2012. The program looks very different than it did at the outset. The structure for climate change is very different than what they had planned to do and not restrictive to Western Conifers. If people are interested in forest and climate change they may want to look at this grant RFA.

Greg Crosby, Acting Director for USDA Council on Sustainable Development. Rio plus 20 conference is in the planning.

Has a request into Frank Boetler for \$5000.00 to support the ANREP 2012 Conference. Eric has been urging him to support us (a NIFA partner).

Climate Initiative: Mike and Eric asked Chris Jones if he would like to co-lead this event. They are going to plan and organize the launch and recruit people to work with the initiative. We should see more activity in late Sept. or early Oct.

Eric appreciated the ANREP Impact stories. He said he has passed them around to people over at the forest service.

ITEM 6 - President's Report - Mike Kuhns

-2014 conference RFP. - We have bids from Mississippi/Louisiana combined and one from California. He would like to vote on this next month. He will send them out before the next board meeting for us to review so we can discuss and vote.

-NR Extension success stories status.

-Election status. Jeff's father died last month, looking for President elect and Secretary. Jeff has a couple names, but he hasn't asked them yet. We will have the election as soon as Jeff gets the slate filled.

ITEM 7 - Treasurer's report - Dean Solomon

-Financial records page.

We have about \$2,000.00 more in our account than when he created the report. We are doing well in our budget and may not need to take the draw that we thought we would.

Mike is concerned about the conference and losing money on it, but also is hopeful that people will come.

ITEM 8 - Website update report - Diana Rashash, Eli Sagor, Bill Hubbard, Matt Howell (not present)

-Please review these documents so we can discuss and decide what to do next with this review.

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Diana - she reviewed the report (see wiki for report) and analytics page (looking at what has been most useful and received most hits). Eli shared how the social media aspect may be beneficial.

Bill will work with Matt on implementing some of the website updates. Bill didn't think there was anything on the list that couldn't be done. Bill thought that Matt could do the upgrades within the contract we have with him.

Directory: he uses it a lot. Matt has developed a very powerful data base and it is used and shared behind the scenes, but he finds it is a great asset for the website. It is a very secure site. We are paying for Matt to keep it secure. Not particularly attractive. Needs photos. Social media - he agrees with others, maybe we can engage a grad student to work with us. Suggest we look at a redesign of the page to make it more colorful and show what we are about. We need to revisit the goal and objectives of the website and are we meeting that.

Mike K. suggested that he and Matt go through the suggestions that the committee made and prioritize them and let the board know what can be done soon (within a few months). Bill and Matt can go ahead

a get started on making revisions, but then come back to the board or committee if they need to have more input.

Eli offered to work with Bill and Matt.

ANREP already has a Twitter account. Eli will manage. He thought that there could be 4 - 5 people who regularly post to the account. Diana - need to find people who have a fondness for this and are willing to work on it.

Eli - there is also a LinkedIn Group as well with a few followers.

Mike - asked if it is more often how the Tweets are pushed through to other venues. Eli agreed (to smart phone or desktop). Twitter is an easy way to post new information in a quick way. Also, we don't have to depend on Matt or a student to be making all the website changes, we can keep people up to date using these social media.

Eli - reorganizing a website is a big job.

Bill - he and Matt will map out a timeline.

Diana reminded that it is soon time to make the deadline for the ANREP newsletter (next up Western Region).

ITEM 9 - Estate Succession Planning Initiative - Mike Reichenbach

Mike - brought up a state succession planning (Mary Cissock(?)) and the Family and Consumer Science people, how do we support initiatives within states regarding succession planning? there was suggestion to have a round table at the 2012 meeting. He connected with someone from CA who is interested in this work. An abstract has been submitted regarding the round table.

Mike is going to use the ANREP initiative process to request this become an ANREP Initiative.

Bill said that some of the funding for the land project is soon to run out.

Mike said that "Ties to the Land" is part of this "initiative", but not the whole thing.

Bill said that the board may want to think about how we can support the "Ties to the Land" as there has been great benefit from this program.

ITEM 10 - Listserv Usage Policy Discussion - Mike Kuhns

-Please review this existing policy with suggested changes.

ANREP Listserv Policy.docx

Tabled until the next meeting.

ITEM 11 - NIFA Focus Funds ANREP Conference Presentation Requirement - Mike Kuhns, Eleanor?

NIFA Grantee requirement (2).doc

There is an ARENP conference presentation requirement (in these NIFA grants) that could imply that a person automatically gets selected.

Eric: Not intended to be an automatic ticket on the program. They do want to insure that people who get the funds share the project successes and impacts in a conference setting. They expect the recipient to use some of the project funds to help them pay for getting to a conference. If they don't make it in the ANREP conference they may be able to use the funds and present at some other conference venue. Mike K. wasn't concerned about it.

Eric - they may word it differently if we want to suggest.

Eleanor - is it okay to be a poster presentation?

Eric - they would prefer an oral with opportunity for discussion with people in the audience, but wouldn't be upset if it was presented in poster form or some other format.

ITEM 12 - 150th Anniversary of the General Land Office - Mike Kuhns

-Martha Monroe (FL) says that the BLM and Public Lands Foundation is working with land grants to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the General Land Office next year (see <http://www.gloreCORDS.blm.gov/>). Do we want to be involved? I (MK) could send an announcement to the listserv. Anything else?

Duane moves to adjourn. Dean second.