

**Minutes of the June 17, 2008 ANREP Executive Board
Conference Call
12:00 noon to 2 p.m. Pacific Time**

Attending:

Viviane Simon-Brown, Past President
Almeshia Brown, Communications Committee Chair
Eleanor Burkett, North Central Regional Representative
Ben Jackson, Historian
Chris Schnepf, Member
Will Sheftall, Treasurer
Mike Reichenbach, President-Elect
Sue Donaldson, President
Jeff Schalau, Western Regional Representative

1. Introductions and input

2. 2008 Conference debrief

- a. Leah Leighty will not have final conference financial information until the August conference call, at the earliest. Sue will schedule a discussion about the conference for that meeting.
- b. Fallout from Jim Miller talk: This talk was reported to be offensive by some ANREP members and CSREES leadership in attendance. Sue has sent out letters of apology to Colien Hefferan and Dan Kugler on ANREP's behalf. We need to carefully choose our speakers and topics, especially on the last day of the conference, when we want to maintain a positive attitude and sense of momentum on the part of the attendees. We will report evaluation outcomes to the membership, including comments about Miller's talk.

3. Galaxy conference news

- a. *Who will attend from ANREP Board?*
 - Almeshia
 - Viviane
 - Sue
 - Will (is trying to find funds so he can attend; will let us know by Friday)
 - Mike
 - Brenda Allen
- b. *Need number attending Monday Board member breakfast*

Sue will find out the time; should be about 8 am, no cost to Board members
Mike will not be able to attend
- c. *Need to know who will attend the Ruby luncheon Weds 11:15 am – 1:15 pm*

Mike will attend.
Viviane will attend if there is no extra charge. Sue thinks it is included in the registration fee.

4. *JCEP news – community sustainability forum*

a. *When did ANREP join JCEP?*

Sue will check with Ben. He wrote about it in the last newsletter. (It was in 2000 under Bill Hubbard.)

5. *PILD planning interns: need an intern immediately to replace Barb L.; length of term 2 years vs. 3 years? JCEP is supposed to pay for one ANREP member to attend the August planning meeting.*

- Barb completed her time. Need someone from ANREP for August.
- Mindy will serve for one more year, she may be interested in serving for an additional year - Sue will call her.
- We need to find a new planning intern to start in August - Sue will e-mail our membership asking for PILD alumni as a starting point. The Board can then attempt to identify a suitable candidate.
- Should JCEP/PILD consider subsidizing (all or part) planning interns to attend sessions?
- In general, ANREP feels that we are a small organization with limited financial resources. How can a small group like us maintain a voice in the JCEP process? We may simply send one person to the planning meeting, rather than two.

6. *2010 Conference location – Idaho, Alaska proposals*

1. IDAHO SITE

- Chris Schnepf on the line. He does not recommend early April in Idaho because of weather issues. May 16 to 19 are likely the best dates.
- Coeur d Alene Golf Spa and Resort is the proposed site. It is expensive compared to what we have usually done and probably not feasible for our organization at this time. Financial calculations are based on a block of 300 rooms/night, which is more than we can fill. The group agreed to drop the hold on the dates at the Resort.
- Coeur d Alene Inn may be an option but traffic is an issue, and the venue is not as attractive as some have been.
- Spokane may be a good option because of flights into the area, and number of options for lodging and meeting rooms. Need to involve WSU.
- Moscow may be an option where U of I is located (University Inn.)
- Boise is an 8-hour drive from Chris's location. Other locations may be better for the local committee.
- Chris will pursue alternate sites (Spokane, Coeur d'Alene)

2. ALASKA SITE

- Many options in Alaska, many people like the idea. Cost is higher for flights.
- Questions:
 - Can you do the train as a one-way and fly back?
 - Need accommodation for spouses and kids.
 - Change the dates and hold in June to enhance vacationing options? Poll our members?

- NACAA meeting in 2010 is in Tulsa OK in July, so June would not conflict.
- How would the price change if we move the dates to June?
- Need local folks to handle local logistics. Who is on the local committee? Is the AK conference planning center involved?
- Ron Mahoney and other Alaska ANREP members: would they be on the local committee?
- Sue will ask Bob to look at alternatives closer to Anchorage that might be less expensive to travel to than Fairbanks.

Sue suggests another call to discuss conference sites – we will devote the July conference call to this.

In the future, we need to plan 3 years out for meetings to get better dates and rates.

7. *Need program chair(s) for 2010 conference (did not discuss)*
8. *Budget update– fee increases, etc.*
 - We will increase our dues to \$45 in January 2009. This was discussed during the membership meeting in Madison. We need to vote to approve the rate increase at a future meeting.
9. *Changes to IRS Form 990 – need to develop some policies (JCEP examples; conflict of interest, whistleblower, document retention & destruction)*
 - Sue will send Will samples of verbiage and sample documents she received at JCEP. This should help us with the IRS.
10. *Other business*

Conference call dates

January 29, 2008

February 26, 2008

March 18, 2008

April 15, 2008

May 6, 2008

June 17, 2008

July 15, 2008 (Discussion of 2010 conference sites)

August 19, 2008

October 21, 2008

November 18, 2008

December 16, 2008