

1 ANREP BOD MEETING

2 17 February 2010

3 3:30 PM EST

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5 PRESENT:

6 Jeff Schalaus

7 Mike Reichenbach

8 Ursula Smedly

9 Sandy Smith

10 Will Sheftall

11 Amy Grotta

12 Bill Hubbard

13 Mike Kuhns

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15 NOT PRESENT:

16 Eleanor Burkett

17 (Dean Solomon)

18 Sue Donaldson

19 Brenda Allen

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21 AGENDA

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23 Meeting Start: 1:35pm MT

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25 Are there any additions to the Agenda? None

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27 Approval of Minutes from January 2010

28 From Jeff to Ursula via email:

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30 Page 2, Line 21: four Institutes and one Center.

31 Page 3, Line 42: "representative" to "program leader"

32 Page 4, Line 7: No word from NIFA yet on the RFA.

33 Page 8, Line 17: The NNSLE has asked Jeff to distribute a survey through State Champions related to sustainability practices at work and at home. He is working with the membership committee to get it out to state Champions.

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35 to state Champions.

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37 Ursula will make changes to January minutes and send to Bill and Matt to post online (completed and sent 02/17/10)

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39 **Sandy motioned to approve January 2010 minutes. Amy seconded. All were in favor.**

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43 ITEM 1 a -- Membership news -- Bill Hubbard

44 162 paid 2010 dues, 1 lifetime application

45 43% active members paid- 330 total membership + or -

46 Bill is pleased with response. Between 60-70% of people have paid online via credit cards.

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47 B y the regular mail-in/hard copy, about 50 or so.

1 There might be some renewed interest with the Conference coming and folks wishing to register under  
2 the "member" rate, as some have re-upped from 2008.

3 There is no requirement to be a member in order to attend the Conference.

4 There should be a way to double check and make sure that we're members within the online directory.  
5 Perhaps we can include this data online.

6 Mike R. suggested that maybe this be password protected information for individual viewing only. Bill  
7 will check into this. For the time being, if anyone is concerned about when they last paid their dues,  
8 contact Bill Hubbard.

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10 ITEM1 b- By law changes- Sandy

11 Sue sent out changes, plus comments. Sandy felt that they were all very logical and non-controversial.  
12 Any other changes or comments, must be sent to Sue ASAP, so as they can be sent out to the general  
13 membership prior to our meeting in Fairbanks. Jeff clarified that the membership needs 30 days to read  
14 and comment on any amendments to the document. Jeff suggests that we give the BOD another month  
15 for everyone to read over the changes and then vote on at our next conference call.

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17 ITEM 2 – SAF Partnership -- Potential New Initiative - Climate Change - Jeff/Mike R.

18 Mike R:

19 This initiative came up in a conf call regarding climate change. It's being headed up by Chris Jones (AZ)  
20 and several other people, and Eric Norland as well. Would ANREP be interested in going in with these  
21 folks with a booth at the SAF Conference. There would be a fee associated with it. If it's something we  
22 want to do, we need to budget for it. This is similar to partnerships/initiative s in the past like NNSLE.

23 Jeff: with our focus on climate change and having NIFA folks there, this partnership might grow beyond  
24 the SAF Conference. "Climate change and forests" group is considering a conference as well and this  
25 might be of interest to our ANREP membership as well.

26 Mike R: considering that climate change being within the top three things hat folks want work done  
27 within, would it be something that ANREP would like to support this kind of an effort from year to year,  
28 as a place holder for future support.

29 Will: We would put it in the budget as new line item. It's in there right now as an item at \$500.

30 Mike K: What's the nature of the expenditure?

31 Will: These items are meant to show a projection. He's trying to account for the items, including  
32 projected items, so there is intent shown and the monies can be appropriated. We can't be for sure as  
33 to the actual cost. Even though the proposed activity has yet to be detailed, at least there has been a  
34 line item budget for it. This allows for discussion for potential future partnerships without having to go  
35 to the BOD for each of these types of items. This happened in the past and resulted in setting up a  
36 President's discretionary funds (with regard to things such as sympathy flowers, etc) If it exceeds the  
37 amount allowable, then it would come back to the BOD.

38 Mike R: It can either go forward as a line item for \$500 under a climate change initiative or it can  
39 become an amendment to the budget later on.

40 Jeff: We might be more specific

41 Will: If we approve the line item within the budget for \$500 for this year... then there wouldn't be need  
42 for future BOD approval. There needs to be a two step process. The BOD needs to approve as an  
43 initiative, i.e. Authorization for Jeff/Mike R to pursue collaboration. Then, once it's official, then we can  
44 work on what's needed in the budget.

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46 Sandy moved that we budget this \$500 for this year for this new initiative, given that we discuss this  
47 initiative as we go along.

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1 Will made an amendment to the motion that we move to approve exploratory conversations with  
2 potential partners with regard to climate change and for our two principles to pursue and then return to  
3 the BOD with their findings. The motion deletes mention of the dollar amount within the budget.

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5 Sandy withdrew his motion.

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7 **Will restated motion: ANREP BOD supports and authorizes Mike R and Jeff to discuss this new  
8 partnership initiative and return to the BOD with their findings.**

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10 **Amy seconds.**

11 **Discussion. None**

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13 **All were in favor. Motion carries.**

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15 (ITEMS 3 and 4 were discussed simultaneously)

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17 ITEM 3 -- Treasurer report -- Will Sheftall

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19 ITEM 4 -- 2010 Budget Planning -- Will Sheftall

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21 Will sent out both the bank account info as well as budget

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23 We have three bank accounts at this point.

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25 Will explained where and why monies came from each account to make up the Savings Account  
26 balances including escrow disbursement over the next few years. Note: Galaxy III was held in 2008.  
27 \$74,490. 50 total funds. They're within different accounts. We won't have to raise dues for at least (10)  
28 years, but it's only because we have monies in escrow.

29 (4) FWS membership dues 8/14/09, bank to bank transfer confirmed by Bill Hubbard

30 No longer will ANREP (and other JCEP organizations) be asked 4 years prior to Galaxy for their financial  
31 contribution- we won't have to wait for four years for reimbursement, thanks to Mike R., Sue and others  
32 on this last JCEP board.

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34 Budget projection:

35 Do not look at column "I" figures. These will not be accurate until the year is over. Columns H and J are  
36 correct.

37 Items discussed by board: Bill and Matt funding/ job responsibilities/hours expended to get the job  
38 done

39 Bill: Don't see a change in either of their status.

40 **Action Item:**

41 **Last year, Bill recommended a potential annual review of their performance within a small  
42 committee, including existing president and past president. He foresees that these services will be  
43 needed in the future, whether it's Bill or Matt or not. Perhaps this is an item that Jeff can address this  
44 year.**

45 **Will: Is the amount of money for Bill and Matt adequate. Perhaps this can be addressed as well. The  
46 intent might be to put down some real figures down for FY 2011.**

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48 Items within the budget spreadsheet that are in grey are for informational purposes only.

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(10) Scholarships budgeted for each conference, each at \$300/each.

Previous discussion about the "initiative" can be seen on the budget at H37 as "ANREP Initiative Support" \$500

Line 73, shows that we're able to build liquidity- \$2000 escrow/year so we have \$10K in the conference year

These projections are based on \$1500/year carry over from the conference for each year. These are very conservative estimates/projections.

Questions:

Mike R: The projections are really good, based on what we know. As we look at disbursements, if we make money or lose money, it's based on the number of people attending the conference. It's based on a formula. Our obligation of 10 K, it is no longer in the policy document for JCEP. It's up to us what we put forward. Based on the new formula, that 10K might be conservative.

**Mike R: Made motion to accept the budget as presented by Will (Will: work was done by the budget committee, which includes the president, past pres, and Will)**

**Amy: Seconds.**

**Discussion. Jeff: It's a lot of information to digest in one sitting.**

**All were in favor. Motion passes.**

ITEM 5 -- NIFA Update -- Eric Norland

Given the last couple of weeks with the blizzards and Washington DC government closure, still trying to recover from weather. So, only three work weeks since we last visited.

With regard to the restructuring, those discussions are still going on behind closed doors. Eric and others continue with their day to day job responsibilities. They did have an all employee meeting to go over the numbers in the latest budget proposal, there will be another increase for AFRI : \$420 million for 2011. \$260 million for 2010, only \$200 million for 2009.

The formula programs are all level funded. Smith-Lever, Hatch Act, etc. all level funded. The integrated programs have been zeroed out. The water quality program (12-14 mill before) and others have been zeroed out. It's assumed that those program dollars have been moved into AFRI. Not everyone's happy about that.

The RFA for AFRI will be forthcoming in March. There's been a lot of reviewing of the RFA (200+ pgs)

All of the FY 2010 AFRI funding doesn't have to be "out-the-door" by 30 September. Overflow into the next year will be allowable. There will be sufficient time for folks to put proposals together, especially recognizing that they will be large scale, integrated proposals.

There might be close to one billion dollars worth of awards made in this AFRI. This exceeds the budget for this year, but these would be multi-year projects and we'll be "mortgaging" future dollars for these projects.

Via email, Eric sent us (the BOD) the following information:

1 Beginning Farmer/Rancher FY 2010 RFA link (Due April 6, 2010)  
2 | <http://www.csrees.usda.gov/fo/beginningfarmerandrancher.cfm>,  
3 Also includes private forested lands and conservation programs for these folks.  
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5 | AFRI RFA news release - [http://www.csrees.usda.gov/newsroom/news/2010news/01062\\_afri.html](http://www.csrees.usda.gov/newsroom/news/2010news/01062_afri.html)  
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7 Questions:  
8 Mike R: re: beginning farmer/rancher- how is "beginning" defined?  
9 Eric: Defined in the RFA- recollection is that these folks are within their first (5) years of operating.  
10 Clarification: a person who has not operated a farm or ranch or someone who has been in operation  
11 less than 10 years.  
12 Mike R: perhaps if a forest landowner may not have been utilizing that land/forested land but has  
13 owned for more than 10 years, are they eligible?  
14 Eric: Would be a question for that program leader. They'd welcome that kind of question via a phone  
15 call.  
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17 Jeff: What do you think about ranchettes? Is the operation defined within the RFA?  
18 Eric: Can't see anything about the operation, but more about the individual producer.  
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20 Mike R: We want to make sure that we send a formal invite to folks in DC. We're working on a draft  
21 letter to those folks.  
22 Eric: Encourages us to take care of ASAP, as their calendars are filling up. Eric feels that sending a letter  
23 with letterhead via email would be fine.  
24 Mike R: Will be getting those out this week. Mike R. will copy Eric on those.  
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26 ITEM 6 -- Conference Update -- Eleanor  
27 Tabled until next meeting  
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29 ITEM 7 -- 2010 Awards Announcement -- Jeff  
30 They're moving forward. Jeff has talked with Joan and she's working with Matt. Everything is under  
31 control.  
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33 ITEM 8 -- RFP for the 2012 Conference Site -- Sue  
34 Tabled until next meeting  
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36 ITEM 10 -- Report for ANREP Officers from Representative of ANREP for the Journal of Extension -- Doug  
37 | Steinbarger  
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39 File: ANREP-rept-on-JOE-Jan-10.pdf  
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41 Jeff: All this information is on the wiki space. Dough is going off JOE board January 2011. He and Mike  
42 K. need to recruit for a new person to go on board.  
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44 Will: Motion to adjourn.  
45 Mike: Seconds  
46 All were in favor.  
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48 Meeting adjourns: 3:37 pm MT

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