

Draft Meeting Minutes – ANREP Board Meeting – November 17, 2009

Present were: Mike Reichenbach, Brenda Allen, Eleanor Burkett, Sue Donaldson, Bill Hubbard, Mike Kuhns, Jeff Schalau, Sandy Smith

Matt Howell and Eric Norland were also on portions of the call

Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2009

Motion by Eleanor, seconded by Sue, passed unanimously.

ITEM 1 -- Membership news -- Bill Hubbard

A few new members (we are at 375). Oregon State is sending some member registration. It is usually a fairly quiet time of year. State Champions discussion led to Action item #1.

ITEM 2 -- Treasurer report -- Will Sheftall

Will Sheftall was unable to attend.

ITEM 3 -- Update from NIFA -- Eric Norland

Undersecretary Rajiv Shah has moved on to another position as the Director of USAID. A new Undersecretary will be appointed, and Roger Beachy, NIFA Director, is providing leadership. All are working on project/program funding and AFRI's new directions. Integrated grant RFPs are moving forward. Four new Institutes: Institute of Food Production and Sustainability; Institute of Bioenergy, Climate and Environment; Institute of Food Safety and Nutrition; and Institute of Youth and Community Development. These will be Institutes within "The Institute": NIFA. Eric said that NIFA programs will center on Focus, Scale, and Impact. Water Programs RFA will be out in January and should look like last year. International Science and Education Grants will be research and extension in collaboration with other countries. Bill Hubbard was also in Washington DC talking to the NAREEE Advisory Board (National Agriculture Research Education, Extension and Economics Advisory Board) and spoke about natural resource issues to Deans and Directors from Land Grant Universities as well as those from Ag Industry. 13th World Forestry Congress was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina on October 18-23, 2009 where Eric spoke on behalf of Dan Kugler. This is where recommendations for global forestry activities are discussed. This included climate change, bioenergy, and dependence on forests for people's livelihoods. A delegation of high-ranking officials from Pakistan were also in DC to exchange ideas and learn about extension (they were very interested in extension). Several NIFA Program Leaders are excited about presenting at Fairbanks and NIFA will likely provide some support for the conference itself.

ITEM 4 -- Conference update Eleanor Burkett

People have been working hard to review the registration pages and other conference related activities. Thanks to those of you that have! We will need to send Eleanor all of our changes by Thursday morning (11/19). We are hoping to go live by Friday morning (11/20).

Early bird registration date has been moved forward from January 11 to March 1. The incentive for people to register even earlier is a savings on airline tickets. It was suggested that we do not need to add an additional incentive for early registration. Nor do we want to set the early registration deadline so early as to then impose a penalty on those who are registering before March 1. The Planning Committee would like to have the discretion to set the final late registration date. Eleanor made a motion to that effect, Sandy seconded, passed unanimously. Registration should open this week.

ITEM 5 -- Viviane Simon-Brown -- Sustainable Living

Viviane could not attend.

ITEM 6 -- New Communities of Practice -- Sue Donaldson.

Sue is submitting a letter of intent to create a Sustainable Living CoP. Mark Apel (AZ) is assisting in drafting the letter of intent. A proposal will be due in March 2010.

ITEM 7 -- ANREP Policies and Procedures Manual -- Sue Donaldson.

Mike congratulated all that worked on this much needed document. It provides guidance and is usable as it is and can be amended each year (or more often if needed).

Eleanor moved "That we accept the ANREP Policies and Procedures Manual inclusive to today (11/17/09)", Sandy seconded, passed unanimously.

Adjourn

Sandy moved, Eleanor seconded, passed unanimously.

Action Items

1. Need to reinvigorate State Champions. Step 1: Send an e-mail out to the membership encouraging them to come forward. Step 2: make calls to states that did not reply to e-mail.
2. Sandy suggested that we track dates of policy adoption/amendment/revision in the ANREP Policies and Procedures Manual as we move forward.