

## **Draft Meeting Minutes – ANREP Board Meeting – October 20, 2009**

Present were: Darcy Batura, Eleanor Burkett, Sue Donaldson, Bill Hubbard, Mike Kuhns, Mike Reichenbach, Jeff Schalau, Will Sheftall, Sandy Smith

### **Approval of Minutes from September**

Moved (Sandy), seconded (Darcy), and approved to accept last month's minutes. It passed unanimously.

2009 Election results: Sue Donaldson

Congratulations our new President-Elect Mike Kuhns; Treasurer Will Sheftall; Southern Region Representative Brenda Allen; and Western Region Representative Amy Grotta. Welcome and thanks for your willingness to serve ANREP.

ITEM 1 -- Membership news -- Bill Hubbard

368 members currently are paid members and we have removed those that have not paid after the nine month clemency period (Jan-Oct 2009). Bill felt that this should meet our budgetary goals, but we need to work with state champions, regional reps, and the Executive Board to encourage membership.

ITEM 2 -- Treasurer report -- Will Sheftall

Galaxy payment received:

\$13,890.51 Galaxy reimbursement

\$8,118.80 Galaxy proceeds

TOTAL Received \$22,009.31

Still expect split from exhibitors estimated at \$3000

Will has talked to Bill about creating some new accounts (2010 conference checking, CDs, etc.). Full report will happen next meeting.

ITEM 3 -- Update from CSREES – Mary Ann Rozum

As of October 1, CRSEES has officially changed to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA). Mary Ann encouraged us to make the new NIFA Director, Roger Beachy, welcome and familiarize him with what we (Extension) do. Also, we have a new Undersecretary of Agriculture, Rajiv Shah. People within NIFA are still readjusting and learning new responsibilities. Four Institutes? Emphasis areas include Climate Change, Sustainable Ag, Bioenergy, Food Safety and Nutrition, and many other areas. Budgets have increased by \$100 million. Many new opportunities for Extension faculty working with natural resources. There was a lot of new information and programs presented. Go to [www.csrees.usda.gov](http://www.csrees.usda.gov) for more information. Mary Ann will also be providing a written communication for our next Newsletter.

#### ITEM 4 -- Conference update Eleanor Burkett

Have 59 abstracts confirmed, 2 declined. The subcommittee is still working on session topic titles. Conference registration page should be able to launch soon. Spouse activities are being explored by Will and integrated into the registration pages. Study tours are firming up, but need more definite information. Registration page will be live next week! Blog information will also be sent out so that people can plan their trip. Meeting rooms will be available to discuss multi-state/multi-discipline programming on Tuesday afternoon.

#### ITEM 5 -- Galaxy IV Pennsylvania -- Mike

The ANREP Board voted to be “fully committed” to Galaxy IV to be held in Pittsburg, PA in 2013. Eleanor moved and Sue seconded this item. The vote was unanimous.

According to current draft guidelines, “fully committed” refers to associations:

- providing members for the Galaxy Management (Steering) Committee
- providing volunteers for sub-Committees
- promoting the Conference supporting the effort of the Galaxy Management (Steering) Committee, and
- Committing to omitting separate association meetings during the year of Galaxy with necessary association functions occurring during the Galaxy Conference.

ANREP’s projected needs for Galaxy IV are five rooms as outlined below.

One general session/ANREP business meeting; do committee work, bylaws, etc., 2-3 hours

One board meeting, 3 hours

One membership listening session, 2-3 hours

Two sessions to work on initiatives or multistate efforts, 2-3 hours

#### NEWS

JCEP Regional Meeting February 2 - 4, 2010 Nashville

PILD April 26 - 28, 2010 Washington DC

Minutes were taken by Jeff Schalau.