

ANREP Executive Committee  
Conference Call  
April 9, 2007  
2-4 PM, Central Time

Attendance: Andy Londo, Ben Jackson, Vivian Simon-Brown, Bill Hubbard, Will Sheftall, Dave McGill, Janeane Creighton,

1. Welcome: Viviane Simon-Brown
2. Update on Scott Reed: Scott has been promoted to vice Provost for University Outreach and Engagement at Oregon State. Congratulations to Scott!
3. Treasurer Report  
Larry Biles could not be present. He emailed the financial report to the Exec. Committee.

4. Committee Reports

ECOP- (Janeane Creighton)

ANREP has a seat on the ECOP forestry task force. ECOP supported the RREA interns and was a proponent of the RREA Strategic Plan.

This is Janeane's second year on the task force. A question came up at the last meeting concerning ANREP's position on advocacy for RREA. NASLGUC is asking for \$8 million for RREA appropriations in FY 2008. If there isn't more support for this, NASLGUC will not make RREA funds one of their top funding priorities. Can ANREP members serve as advocates for this, and other such issues? It will probably vary by state and University.

Two additional thoughts posed by Janeane on this issue:

1. Not all of the ANREP membership are concerned with RREA.
2. Why should we have a rep on the ECOP task force, if we don't know what ANREP's stance is concerning RREA, and other such issues? ECOP expects ANREP to be an advocate for their top issues each year. It may be a waste of ANREP funds to keep us on the task force, however we are the only extension organization who is on the task force.

Members should be encouraged to advocate for increases in the RREA budget, so long as it is within the policy of their university.

Janeane Creighton volunteered to chair an advocacy committee. Advocacy is part of ANREPs strategic plan and needs to be examined by the membership and Exec. Committee.

Janean will also talk with Scott Reed to get his input/feedback on this issue.

Membership and Website (Bill Hubbard)

We've had a recent increase in memberships. 40-50% of the members have renewed their dues. Our numbers might be higher if we could use credit cards online. We have about 15 new members since January. With a little marketing, we could increase membership numbers.

We still do not have a volunteer to serve as the membership committee chair. The status of our membership, as well as the membership committee needs to be addressed.

The Newsletter also needs to be worked on. We need to decide if it should be quarterly, or send out information regularly from the list serve.

The new web page is up and running. It's address is [new.anrep.org](http://new.anrep.org). One thing missing is the announcement for the 2008 annual meeting as well as Galaxy III website. Any other additions/changes need to be sent to Bill Hubbard .

Under position announcements, Journal of Extension (JOE) offers advertising for a fee. We do it for free. It's more of a hassle to charge for it anyway.

It would be nice to get counts for the number of web hits on each part of the site. It would be useful to tell to membership, and our administrators.

ANREP External Sponsorship Grant (Will Sheftall)

This form (Attached) is still being developed, but will help ANREP reach out natural resources groups/clubs on campuses and high schools, etc. We could also use this for student members to present at meetings, etc. this could also be used for professional development. Funds would be allocated annually by ANREP, and given out by an application process.

How this will be handled internally by ANREP needs to be decided yet. Please send any editorial comments to Will Sheftall. Changes will be made as suggested and provided to the Exec. Committee for review.

## **ANREP Application for External Sponsorship**

Organization:

Street address:

City, State, Zip:

Name of contact Person:

Phone:

E-mail:

Event of purpose for which you are seeking ANREP support:

Event sponsor(s) if different from applicant:

Website of Event (if applicable) or organization seeking support:

Event registration fee (if seeking individual support for conference or event registration):

Deadline for individual event registration (if applicable):

What are the total estimated costs for your participation in the event (i.e., travel, per diem, etc.)?

If applying for event support, what is the total estimated budget for the program?

How much money are you requesting?

What funds have you been able (or at least attempted) to secure from other sources first?

Is your request supported in writing by an ANREP member?

If applying for individual support, will you be presenting a student poster or exhibit, and/or providing logistical assistance to the event organizer?

How would ANREP support further your own professional development, or further career exploration and development of future Extension natural resource professionals?

Please submit your scholarship application to: \_\_\_\_\_. If you have a question, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at (772) 462-1660 or e-mail \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2008 Galaxy III:

It is likely that ANREP will not be asked to provide the \$10,000 in upfront support funds. Purdue Conference Services is paying for everything now. Once the meeting is over, they will be reimbursed.

The Galaxy III schedule is being set. ANREP has the following scheduled activities:

Ex. Board meeting on Sunday Sept. 14 , 1:00 to 5:00 PM.  
ANREP may be able to help cover the costs of the Ex. Comm. to attend.

The general business meeting will be Tuesday 8:00 AM. This meeting will include a free breakfast. All ANREP participants in Galaxy III should be encouraged to attend.

In addition, ANREP has 4, 90-minute concurrent session slots. It is up to us what we want to do with it. A decision on this will be needed within the next 6 months or so.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the various committees. Andy Londo will provide information to Ken for the next newsletter.

### 2008 ANREP Conference (Ben Jackson) May 20-23.

The first call for proposals was sent out, we're waiting for submissions.

The Michigan ANREP chapter has volunteered to help. We don't know what we will have them do yet. There is plenty of work that they can do.

It might be good if each of our 7 state chapters have a chance to do something special at the meeting—roundtables, special programs, etc. This would give them a chance to highlight what it is they do, as well as encourage other states to form chapters, or regional chapters.

It would be good to have the WI meeting organizers on future conference calls.

Diane Baker, the overall Galaxy III chair, is a 4-H agent in Illinois. She would like to attend the meeting. ANREP will waive her registration.

Could we waive registration for county level people in host states? It might be a way to get more involvement in ANREP at the county level. Lets think about this, and discuss at the next ANREP conference call in May.

### Next Conference Call:

May 14, 2007.