

ANREP Executive Committee
Conference Call
August 14, 2007
2-4 PM, Central Time

Attendance: Andy Londo, Sue Donaldson, Ben Jackson, Will Sheftall, Ed Smith, Mary Lou Addor.

Agenda:

1. GALAXY: 6 hours of ANREP – how will we fill them?

It is up to ANREP to decide on how they want to use these time slots. This could be an opportunity for those who want to present at a national meeting.

We need ideas on what to do for our four concurrent session slots.?

It may be better for us to use some kind of theme for our sessions, to show off what ANREP does, what makes us Unique.

Idea from Ben Jackson

We could open it up for abstracts for standard talks

Other Professional Development opportunities

Sustainable Living Initiative.

The need to collaborate on programming, and other issues, across organizations and disciplines (a facilitated round table discussion?).

What you should know about working with diverse audiences and how to make your programming appropriate for those participants.

ANREP should have their plans for our 4 concurrent sessions submitted by February, 2008.

2. Newsletter articles needed:

From the July 10 conference call: We need a newsletter to keep membership more informed. Ben Jackson will talk to Matt Howell about putting together a newsletter. The catalyst for this first newsletter will be the award winners, and call for abstracts. It would be good to get the newsletter out by early August. Each one of us on the executive committee needs to submit something to Ben

Jackson for the newsletter by July 23. This includes a regional report, activities in your state/region, etc.

Nothing has been submitted to date.

Topics we need for the newsletter include:

Galaxy III update (Londo)

May 2008 conference (Jackson)

Explanation of the organizations/groups that we work with, (NASULGC, JCEP, CSREES, RREA, the other professional organizations. (Donaldson)

Regional Updates (regional representatives)

State chapter list with websites (Jackson?) with links to state chapter newsletters

Wildfire? (Ed Smith)

Committee needs (Donaldson)

Public Issues (Addor)

These topics will be submitted to Ben Jackson by Friday, August 15.

3. Natural Resources Aquaculture and Fisheries group is investigating the formation of a national organization. This group would be a natural fit for ANREP. We need to assess what needs to do to meet the needs of these groups, organizations, individuals.

When appropriate, these groups need to be invited to participate in ANREP meetings and to become members.

Another question is what constitutes being an extension professional? This may help us more clearly define ourselves as an organization and who we should/could target for membership. There is a definition of extension in our bylaws. We may need to use that definition.

4. ANREP Committees: Apathetic, busy, bored, lacking direction?

- a. The committees are not meeting, and may just be lacking direction. Is there a committee that could help with Galaxy?
- b. We may need some new leadership on the committees. This may require a change in the bylaws.
- c. Committees may need to meet more frequently.
- d. Committee activity may be decreasing due to work loads and other obligations.
- e. Transition of committee leadership is important as well to ensure the continuity of committee functions.
- f. We may need to make the committee structure and chairs more clearly identified on the webpage.

- g. Sue Donaldson is working on a membership survey on why ANREP members are members and what they want from the organization.

5. Positioning our sustainable living initiative for the other professional organizations to use (NNSLE).

A session at Galaxy III would be an ideal time to highlight this program.

We need to put together some type of structure on how to develop programs in this arena. How will ANREP help facilitate this and the chairing of resources? One vision is that all states have faculty getting involved in this area, can we make ANREP as the focal point for multidisciplinary programming in this field.

We need to make sure that university deans and Directors think of ANREP first in this area, which goes beyond what we can do at Galaxy III. We need to do something dramatic or stand the chance of being bypassed in this arena.

6. Need for new officers.

Larry Biles has indicated that he will not run for treasurer again in 2008. Also the Southern Region representative will need to be replaced. We need to recruit new people to serve as officers.