

Minutes

Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 14th, 2000

1:30 pm EST. Members present. Mel Baughman, Deborah Hill, Bill Hubbard, Mike Kroenke, Vivian Simon Brown, Jeff Kirwan Steve Daly Larsen, Bob Edmonds

Mark Vodak's secretary left word that Mark was sick and would be unable to participate. Bill Hubbard volunteered to take the notes.

Secretary's Report: Review of January minutes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Deborah Hill reporting. The treasury currently has over \$6,000 in it with dues coming in regularly. No major expenses have incurred although certain expenses have been allocated to the National Conference if they are needed.

Regional Representative Report: Mike Kroenke has been working on the position descriptions for the regional representatives. He will continue to circulate the draft he is working on and have something to report on in Tahoe. Viviane was working on updating the Western Regional mailing list and was going to see if this group wanted to get together at Tahoe.

Awards Committee: Mel Baughman reporting. Mel updated the group on the new awards program and asked the Executive Board for input and advice on the call for awards. Numerous categories have been defined along with criteria. Mel has a number of individuals assisting with this effort. Mel mentioned that there would be costs associated with plaques or certificates. Call for awards will close on April 29th, 2000. The awards will be presented at the Tahoe meeting.

Strategic Plan: No report presented. Ed Jones will be attending the Tahoe meeting and will work with the Executive Committee on short and long term directions.

Communications Committee: Jeff Kerwin reporting. Jeff thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate and chair the Communications Committee. He summarized what he thought were the major communications responsibilities including oversight of the website, newsletter editing and general communications with the membership. He will work closely with the ANREP headquarters group in Athens to update directories, listservs, etc.

Resolutions and Bylaws: A by-law change was placed on the annual ballots. Results will be due back shortly. The by-law change recommended two-year terms for officers (except President-elect, President and past-President).

JCEP: JCEP membership is still unclear. Rick Hamilton will continue to work on this until it is resolved.

Annual Meeting: Rick Standiford sent word to Bill Hubbard that meeting plans were on track. Expected attendance will be in the 250 person range.

USDA Liaison Update: no report

Past President's Report: Bob Edmonds reported. He is still very excited about the future of ANREP. He reminded us that the real gains will be in the political arena.

Other new business: No other business was introduced.

Next Conference Call: The Board agreed to meet face-to-face in Lake Tahoe at the National Meeting. A split meeting was recommended with a couple of hours of business on Monday and a couple on Tuesday morning.