

ANREP Administrative Council Meeting, March 7, 2001

To: ANREP Executive Council Members

Re: Meeting Minutes

In attendance:

Chuck Gay, Utah State, President

Bill Hubbard, Georgia, Past President

Mike Kroenke, Wisconsin, President-Elect

Janean Creighton, Washington State, Secretary

Deborah Hill, Kentucky, Treasurer

Ben Jackson, Georgia, South Regional Chair

Viviane Simon-Brown, Oregon State, West Regional Chair

Mindy Habecker, Wisconsin, Dane County, North-Central Regional Chair

Jonathan Kays, Maryland, Northeast Regional Chair

Chris Schnepf, Membership Committee Co-chair, University of Idaho

Joe Schaefer, Director, Center for Natural Resources, University of Florida

Second meeting of the ANREP Executive Council for 2001 convened at 8:00 AM via telephone conference call.

## **ITEM 1 — Outcome and Questions from JCEP Regional Leadership Workshops 2001**

Western meeting: Chuck Gay reported that ANREP was well received by all other JCEP members at the Western meeting. We had a successful meeting and gathered some new members. It was also an opportunity for the membership committee (3 of the 5 members were in attendance in Portland) to gather feedback regarding the development of ANREP State Champions. Two individuals volunteered to be Champions for their states; Jeff Schalau, a recent member from Arizona, and Kristen Keith, a recent member from Idaho.

North Central meeting: Mike Kroenke reported similar positive outcomes from the north central meeting regarding ANREP's involvement. Mike said there was also a discussion of the State Champions proposal, which was well received. Some states in this region are beginning discussions around developing State Chapters of ANREP. Minnesota has a Natural resource Association that they are considering incorporating into a state ANREP chapter, and Michigan is on it's way to developing a state ANREP chapter as well.

Southern meeting: Bill Hubbard reported a good turnout for both NREM and ANREP members, with 10 and 7, respectively. Discussion included developing State Champions/State Chapters so ANREP can be adequately represented in JCEP discussions. Some state(s) require there be a state chapter in place before this can occur. It was agreed by the council that some state representation is needed, whether it be through a champion or a chapter.

Eastern/Northeastern meeting: Jonathon Kays reported confusion between contrasting NREM and ANREP. This seemed to be a common theme at all meetings.

Chuck Gay clarified the relationship: NREM is one of the programmatic areas of extension, with no base funding. ANREP provides the opportunity for professional development of its members and representation in the political system. It was agreed that a lot of overlap between the two entities creates the confusion.

Bill Hubbard explained that NREM does have some money and is trying to jumpstart Natural resource programs through its capacity building, both formally (via NREM) and informally (via ANREP). But there are not many players in this arena, so NREM is branching out into some of the other base programs.

At the latest ECOP (Extension Committee on Organization and Policy) meeting, many of the Extension Directors were unsure of the Base Programs reporting, funding, etc. NREM had the best showing of all the Base programs, but there was still confusion surrounding it. A suggestion was made to put the PowerPoint presentation created by Bill Hubbard for the JCEP meetings, on the ANREP web site. This presentation describes ANREP and its relationship with NREM, and other Base Programs.

On the subject of ECOP, Mike Kroenke said that there is an opening on the ECOP budget committee that should be filled by an ANREP person, if we are to have representation in this area. He called for nominees for the position.

## **ITEM 2 — Update on Galaxy Conference, Sept. 21-23, 2003.**

Chuck Gay and Nancy Mesner are ANREP representatives on the planning committee for this conference. The first planning meeting is set for Salt Lake City, Utah for April 1-3, 2001. On the agenda for this meeting:

- Hotels and meeting facilities
- Meeting with Salt Palace managers
- Identifying tour possibilities (of which there are many)
  - Urban/rural interface
  - Human/wildlife conflicts
  - Non-point source pollution
  - Fragmentation

ANREP will be asked for their needs regarding rooms, amenities, etc. for invited speakers.

Chuck is putting out a request for speaker possibilities. If we want high-powered and interesting folks (not that we're not interesting) we need to contact them soon.

Some suggestions were Agency heads and/or Congressional staff. An individual at Utah was identified as a possible speaker, Ross Peterson, who could speak to the Human History of the Great Basin and Inter-mountain West. This coupled with a presentation on the natural history of the same region is a possibility.

To keep costs down Chuck and Nancy (both of Utah State) have volunteered to be on this planning committee. Local ANREP members will be solicited to help with the planning as well. Our thanks to them both!

## ITEM 3 — Membership: The key to NR professional Growth

1. **State Champions:** Chris Schnepf, Co-chair of the ANREP membership committee reported on the committee's work on identifying appropriate individuals to be champions, and the development of the state champion talking points. The committee has identified an individual from each state as an initial contact to help locate state champions. This first contact is not necessarily intended to be the champion. The committee prefers the champions to be grassroots folks, as opposed to administration. Diversity in disciplines is also important in choosing a champion. It was felt by the council that both their regional rep and a member of the ANREP Administrative Council should contact perspective champions. Chuck volunteered to be that individual.
2. **Budget Request:** Funding for mailing information regarding the search for the state champions was requested, in the amount of \$150.00. An additional 1300.00 was requested for producing 4000 copies of the new ANREP brochure, and developing 4 recruitment posters to be used by ANREP champions and members. Chuck offered to pay for half of the costs out of discretionary moneys. Motion to provide this funding was approved and carried.
3. **Brochure:** The committee is still trying to locate a diversity picture for the brochure. No luck so far.
4. **Associate Membership:** The inclusion of an Associate member to ANREP was brought up for discussion. This non-voting membership would not require the extension appointment, as is currently stated in the By-laws. Most were supportive of the idea, since (there are) extension partners with so many different agencies and groups. Chuck asked the membership committee to draft a proposal outlining the responsibilities of an Associate Member, as well the required change in the By-laws. The new brochure will not include this level of membership.
5. **Gaining New Members:** A concern regarding member numbers was brought up. Some possible ways of increasing membership were suggested:
  - a. Increase the cost of registration at the 2002 meeting to include a one-year membership (at a reduced rate), while renewing members pay the full \$25.00.
  - b. Differential registration fee with the choice to join or not to join (that is the question.)
  - c. Keep the application for membership separate from the Conference registration; perhaps making both available on-line.The issue was tabled until the next meeting.
6. **Development of an ANREP emblem:** The issue of developing an ANREP emblem was brought up for discussion. The emblem would not replace the current logo, but rather would be for use when space is limited, but we need an ANREP presence. (Chuck asked) the membership committee to take this on. A possible contest among members to develop a logo was suggested.

## ITEM 4 — 3<sup>rd</sup> National ANREP Meeting Planning

Joe Schaefer asked for continued feedback on both the ANREP conference web site and the tours.

Regarding the possible themes of the conference, "Change" seems to be a hot issue. However, the conference title was still undetermined. Consensus by the council was for maintaining ANREP recognition in the title, reinforcing that this is a professional meeting.

It was determined that any member of the abstract review group for the 2002 conference can still submit an abstract. They simply will not be allowed to review their own submission, and will be absent from any discussion regarding their abstract.

## **ITEM 6 — Strategic Planning Committee**

It was brought to the council's attention that the dates of the strategic planning meeting needed to be changed from December to some time in early November, to better coincide with the timeline of the conference planning committee. The Executive Council will combine the strategic planning meeting with its official work on the planning meeting for the ANREP National Meeting set for May 2002. A date will be set for sometime within the first two weeks of November. It was suggested that we try to work around Larry Bile's schedule, since he should be a part of the strategic planning session. Since Larry was not a part of this meeting, it was determined that we would wait until he was contacted before setting the final dates. (Joe Schaefer) will contact Larry and arrange the meeting dates.)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30am.

Next meeting scheduled for May 17th at 8:00AM PST, 11:00AM EST.

Minutes submitted 3/7/01

Janean Creighton, Secretary