

ANREP Executive Committee Meeting  
Conference Call  
October 2, 2006

Present: Bill Hubbard, Will Sheftall, Larry Biles, Ben Jackson, Janean Creighton, Andy Londo, Ed Smith.

1. Review of bylaws to determine executive committee needs for a quorum. It was determined that at least 2/3 of the executive committee needs to be present for a quorum.
2. Welcome and introduction of Ed Smith, from University of Nevada at Reno as the Western Region Representative.
3. Missing meeting minutes from the previous exec. Committee meeting was discussed. Londo could not attend, and no minutes on the meeting were found.
4. Treasurers Report—Larry Biles  
The ANREP account currently has \$38,438.31. This includes income from the annual meeting of \$8,888.96. We also have 54 new members. Discussion ensued on how to use ANREP funds. Ideas brought up include using ANREP funds to pay for exec. Committee members to attend the meetings of other organizations. Some of these funds will also be used to pay for Galaxy. Galaxy funds include the \$10,000 in up front funds required by JCEP (these funds have to be requested) as well as paying the ANREP representatives on the Galaxy steering committee costs for attending meetings.
5. Old Business
  - a. Executive Secretary Report- Bill Hubbard
    - i. We have 628 members
    - ii. Non-paying members will be purged—these are currently included in the overall membership.
    - iii. Website-Bill Hubbard's office will continue to provide web site and support for ANREP for free.
    - iv. concerns about the 2008 annual conference site.
  - b. Committee Reports
    - i. Many committee chairs feel that they should have a conference call with the president. This would help them keep on track with what they're supposed to be doing, as well as keep them motivated.
    - ii. Cara Muscio is working to get the water resources, wildlife and fisheries, and marine biology groups to together. Ultimately with the goal of increasing membership in ANREP.
    - iii. Awards-Will Sheftall
      1. The Florida chapter of ANREP discussed adding some programming awards to the current list of awards. This

may be a good idea for national ANREP to do as more county level personnel become members.

- a. Ben Jackson suggested that a petition be sent to the awards chair and to have the overall membership vote on the idea of developing either regional or national programming awards.

iv. Nominating Committee-Janean Creighton

1. It is getting tougher to find people willing to run for ANREP Office.
2. Ben Jackson suggested that the executive committee do a better job of recognizing committee chairs. Committee chairs can also do a better job of advertising the roles of the committees and that of the committee chairs.
3. Ben Jackson also discussed rotating the committee chairs more often.

c. National and International

i. ECOP

1. Efforts are underway to expand RREA by bringing in water resources professionals.

ii. eXtension

There is interest by eXtension to see what the level of participation and interest is in eXtension by ANREP members

iii. International Forestry Forum

1. There will be a process soon coming out of VPI. No further plans on when to meet next. There was significant participation from Canadians in the forum.

iv. Galaxy

1. Gary Hawkins and Andy Londo are the ANREP representatives on the Galaxy Steering Committee.

ANREP is currently paying their travel expenses to steering committee meetings held twice a year in Indianapolis. Galaxy III will be in September 2008.

We need ANREP volunteers to assist with the various committees for the meeting. Minutes of the last Galaxy steering committee meeting will be provided to the ANREP executive committee.

d. 2008 Conference

1. The RFP has been sent out, but no applications have as yet been submitted.

e. Strategic Plan-No action has been taken on the strategic plan

f. ANREP representatives travel cost to other association meetings

ANREP has pay travel costs to select other meetings over the years. Members representing ANREP at meetings should notify the executive committee ahead of time. Funds will be provided on a case by case basis as the budget allows.

6. New Business

a. 2008 Annual Meeting

1. We have had no interest in the 2008 annual meeting, the committee suggests contacting Susan Moore at NCSU and ANREP members in Missouri.

b. Ben Jackson has been invited to attend the Wildlife and Fisheries Extension meeting in Montana. This group feels that they are not “main stream” and don’t fit in with ANREP.

c. Officer Elections: We are looking for someone to run for NE rep.

d. Policy and Procedures Handbook

There has been lots of interest in this, but ANREP has never had one. Jackson and Creighton will work on this.

e. State chapters

We currently have 7 state chapters. It needs to be clear what “chapter hood” means, along with the benefits.

f. ANREP Journal.

This was discussed at the 2006 meeting in Utah. Discussion ensued on whether it would be a problem with JOE. Our journal would be published online and have a shorter turn around time than JOE. Jay Davidson was mentioned as a potential editor.

g. Other Topics

Janean Creighton will continue to serve on the ECOP forestry task force through the end of 2007.

Meeting Adjourned.