

**ANREP Executive Committee  
Meeting  
November 20, 2019  
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM EDT  
Final Approved Minutes**

**Attending:** Alicia Betancourt (Southern Region Rep), Leslie Boby (Executive Secretary), Beth Clawson (North Central Region Rep), James Henderson (Past President), Jennifer Dindinger (Northeast Region Rep), Lauren Grand (Western Region Rep.), John Kushla (President), Kevin Zobrist (Secretary)

**Not Attending:** Lara Milligan (President-Elect), Kris Tiles (Treasurer), Eric Norland (NIFA Liaison Region Rep.),

**Guests:** Timothy Daly, Jennison Kipp Searcy, Shannon Murray

## **Agenda**

### **1. Roll Call/Introductions.9**

- There is a quorum.

### **2. Minutes Recording**

- Recorder: Kevin Zobrist, Secretary
- Proofreaders: Alicia, Jen

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

- A motion carried to approve the agenda with two amendments.

### **4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- A motion carried to approve the October 2019 minutes.

### **5. New Business**

- Announcement of new officers. Orientation will be during Dec. meeting.
  - Alicia Betancourt, President-Elect
  - Kevin Zobrist, Secretary
  - Holly Abeels, Southern Region Rep
  - Lauren Grand, Western Region Rep
- Michigan State University submitted an impressive proposal for 2022 conference.
  - Location would be in Kalamazoo.
  - Field tours have been scoped out and partners are being lined up.
  - The board will have further discussion next month.
- Updates from ANREP Initiatives
  - Funding and support – An idea was floated to add a “join initiative” button on the membership renewal page. There could also be a “donate to initiative” button. The board discussed holding initiative-raised funds and supporting initiative outreach. This will be for future discussion.
  - National Extension Wildland Fire Initiative (NEWFI) – working on getting started and hosting quarterly webinars. They will have workshop at the conference in Bend.
  - National Sustainability Summit (NSS) – Jennison Kipp Searcy: NSS has been doing an off-year conference. This year NSS organized by NNSL had a conference co-located with NEEI. A proposal from Penn State was accepted for next NEEI conference, with agreement to co-locate

again with NSS. Reps from NEEI and NSS have participated in E-extension impact collaborative events.

- National Network of Sustainable Living (NNSL) – Linda Seals and Alicia Betancourt: NNSL has 121 members, with an active group of core members that attend monthly meetings. Members represent a variety of natural resources disciplines and regularly give presentations at meetings.
- There will be a 90-minute organized session at the conference in Bend to talk about coordinating initiatives and doing off-year conferences.
- Chris and Alicia talked about reinvigorating the Climate Science Initiative
- A motion carried to establish a standing committee on initiatives with a rotating chair among initiatives and regular committee reports to the board.
- Appoint new select committee for strategic planning and emerging issues
  - Our current plan goes through 2020.
  - Regional reps will call for volunteers in anticipation of creating a new committee. Initiatives should participate.

## 6. Standing Committee Reports

- Awards: A motion carries to appoint Tim Daly from UGA and Victor Blanco from UFL as new co-chairs. Lauren will stay on for another term to provide guidance.
- Communications – no report
- Scholarship – James is working with Chris Jones to hopefully have something to share at Dec. meeting.
- Finance – Jen presented the draft 2020 budget to the board.
  - The budget includes a 5% Raise for the Executive Secretary and Web manager; the last raise was given in 2016.
  - Funding for travel to JCEP meetings continues to be a challenge.
  - There is a projected budget shortfall of \$5k, which we can handle in the short term but is not sustainable long-term. Options to reduce the deficit:
    - Increase dues by \$10 – reduce deficit by \$3,250.
    - Keeping dues the same but recruiting 50 more members – reduce deficit by \$3,000.
    - Decrease JCEP travel by sending only one rep – reduce deficit by \$2,600.
    - Redirect silent auction proceeds – reduce deficit by \$1,100.
  - Decreasing to one PILD rep would also save money. Starting in 2021, the PILD rep should be someone who is already going and has their travel covered. ANREP can cover the registration fee or cash equivalent. A motion carried to implement these changes.
  - Profit sharing for the off-year initiative-based conferences could help reduce the deficit.
  - A motion carries to raise dues to \$70 and present reasons at the conference in Bend. It will be important to articulate what it means to be part of a professional association and what the benefits are.

## 7. Treasurer's Monthly Report – Kris not present

- Account balances on 10/31/2019:

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|---------------------------------|--------------|
| ○ Checking – 7411               | \$59,173.92  |
| ○ Conference Checking – 5982    | \$24,750.04  |
| ○ Escrow Savings – 5995         | \$24,053.19  |
| ○ Savings – 9281 (energy init.) | \$2,868.98   |
| ○ CD 2150                       | \$20,021.66  |
| ○ Total Assets                  | \$130,867.79 |
| ○ Previous Total (May 2019)     | \$131,683.95 |

## **8. 2020 Conference Updates** (sent by Shannon via email)

- Still working on sponsorships—no further updates at this time.
- Registration fees are the categories discussed last time, and the committee is waiting on the draft registration system from OSU Conference Services so they can make it live this month.
- Shannon continued the conversation with conference services about registration fees and membership fees, and looped Kris into this conversation.
- Notifications were sent to presenters about the status of their abstracts. The committee was able to accommodate at least one presentation from everyone based on reviewer feedback, although not all of these were accepted in the original format requested. Two rooms were added for concurrent sessions to help handle the large demand for presentation space. If individuals submitted more than one abstract, they may have only received one presentation slot.

## **9. Executive Secretary's Report**

- Still trying to get BOA account from Bill's name to Leslie's. 25 new members since August.

## **10. JCEP Update**

- James will attend the JCEP leadership meeting in February in San Antonio.
- JCEP now has rep on the ECOP board, so it's really important that ANREP be well represented in JCEP to advocate for RREA.

## **11. Adjournment**

- There was not enough time to discuss new business – this will be at the beginning of next month's agenda.
- The next meeting will be January 15, 2020 @ 3:00 PM ET.
- A motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 4:37 PM Eastern Time.