

# **ANREP Biennial Conference Business Meeting Draft Minutes**

**May 26, 2021  
Online**

## **Call to order**

- Meeting called to order by Alicia Betancourt (President) at 2 pm ET

## **Intro of officers**

- President Elect – Beth Clawson, Michigan
- President– Alicia Betancourt, Florida
- Past-President – Lara Milligan, Florida
- Secretary – Kevin Zobrist, Washington
- Treasurer – Chad Cook, Wisconsin
- Southern Regional Representative – Holly Abeels, Florida
- Western Regional Representative – Lauren Grand, Oregon
- Northeast Regional Representative – Danielle Rhea, Pennsylvania
- Northcentral Regional Representative – Erika Lyon, Ohio
- Executive Secretary - Dean Solomon, Michigan
- National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Liaison – Eric Norland, Washington D.C.

## **2020 Membership Meeting Minutes Approval**

- The 2020 minutes were approved by the membership.

## **JCEP Presentation**

- JCEP = Joint Council of Extension Professionals
- JCEP is a consortium of all the Extension professional organizations—all ANREP members are JCEP members by definition.
- JCEP provides professional development opportunities
  - Extension Leadership Conference (ELC) – Feb 9-10, 2022, Kansas City, MO
  - Public Issues Leadership Development (PILD) Conference – Apr 5-8, 2022

## **Reports**

- State of ANREP Report
  - The Board thanks the conference planning and abstract review committees for the great job in putting together this year's virtual conference.
  - The Strategic Planning Committee is working on a new strategic plan.
    - The committee's vision for the plan is something more succinct and inspiring than past versions—something that offers a concise focus on our vision and strategy as opposed to a lengthy, detailed tactical plan.
    - A goal is to be able to use the plan for marketing to tell ANREP's story and communicate the importance of natural resources in Extension.

- A membership survey was done to identify priority areas and hone the mission statement, and the committee is analyzing results.
    - There will be additional opportunities to give feedback in the regional breakout sessions, and you can also leave comments on the community board on Whova.
  - Recent accomplishments
    - We partnered with the North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE) on a successful grant proposal for environmental education outreach. This will provide funds to ANREP as a “dissemination partner” to help them distribute environmental education info.
    - Dean Solomon was hired as the new executive secretary.
    - We developed a new and improve ANREP logo
  - Service to ANREP award
    - This is a special award given by the Board (it is not part of regular annual awards program process) to an individual that, in an exemplary manner, supports ANREP programs and goals.
    - The 2021 award goes to longtime ANREP webmaster Darry Outlaw
  - Get involved with ANREP!
    - We need people to serve on committees:
      - Awards
      - Communications (social media, website content, membership communication, quarterly newsletter – we need a new newsletter editor)
      - Scholarship – solicit/review applications
      - Finance/audit
      - Membership
      - Professional development
      - Policy and procedures
      - Bylaws committee
      - 2022 Conference planning committee
    - Represent ANREP
      - PILD representative – serve on planning committee for 2 years – attend and participate in monthly meetings
    - Run for office – the upcoming board positions need to be filled for 2022:
      - President-elect
      - Secretary
      - Western and Southern Regional Reps
    - Sign up at <http://bit.ly/serveANREP>
- Treasurers Report – Chad Cook (Treasurer)
  - Financial overview – our total assets including checking, savings, conference checking, and CD = \$147,514
  - Budget overview
    - 2019: \$30,595 income, \$22,413 expenses
    - 2020: \$26198 income, \$16158 expenses

- 2021: \$25,000 expected income, \$26,944 budgeted expenses
  - Income comes from membership dues and conference registration fees
  - The biggest expense is travel for our reps to JCEP, PILD, and JOE. Other expenses include scholarships, administrative expenses (executive secretary, webmaster, organizational fees), support for initiatives, and support for other programs (e.g. the 4-H Forestry Invitational).
  - The Board thanks the finance committee members: Jennifer Dindinger, Kris Tiles, and Susan Haddock
- Executive Secretary Report
  - We have had 515 members over the past two years representing 41 states and DC
    - 21% Western Region
    - 17% North Central Region
    - 9% Northeast Region
    - 53% Southern Region
  - We have grown from 10 identified disciplines represented in 2001 to well over 100 in 2021.
  - It is important to pay dues—that’s what keeps the association going.
  - We are working on major website upgrades and new features, which will include
    - Easier renewals
    - Member-only content
    - Member self-service
    - Compact newsletters
    - A mobile-friendly format
- Initiative updates
  - National Network for Sustainable Living Education (NNSLE)
    - NNSLE is partnering with NEEI and NECI for a combined National Extension Energy Summit and National Sustainability Summit in October.
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  - National Extension Wildland Fire (NEWFI)
    - This is the newest ANREP initiative, and it focuses on wildfires and prescribed burning.
    - NEWFI tracks Extension fire programs, publications, and resources nationwide.
- National Extension Climate Initiative (NECI)
  - This is a broader Extension program as opposed to ANREP initiative, but it was developed out of ANREP’s former Climate Science Initiative
  - <https://nationalextensionclimateinitiative.net/>
- Natural Resource Extension Education Foundation (NREEF)
  - The Foundation supports broader Natural Resource Extension Education efforts – not just ANREP.

- \$20.21 for 2021 donation campaign – donate online at NREEF.org/give.
- 2021 Awards
  - 32 winners across all the categories to 21 different universities and 4 non-academic participants
  - 64% more nominations than last year – total of 161 nominations
  - Most nominations (23) for webinar category – up from 2 nominations last year
  - 49 judges, up from 37 last year
  - Full list of winners on ANREP website

### **2022 Conference**

- June 1-3, 2022, Kalamazoo, MI, hosted by Michigan State University
  - Pre-conference tours and workshops May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Venue is Radisson Plaza Hotel and Suites – conference rates extend extra days both before and after conference
- <https://bit.ly/3oqVGL3> for more info
- Help is needed on the planning committee!

### **Other Announcements**

(none)

### **Adjournment**