

ANREP Executive Committee Meeting

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Bill Warren (President), Beth Clawson (Past-President), Erika Lyon (President-Elect), Chad Cook (Treasurer), Holly Abeels (Secretary), Dean Solomon (Executive Secretary), Dan Stark (Western Region), Georgia Peterson (North Central Region), Danielle Rhea (Northeast Region), Amy Scaroni (Southern Region)

Guests: Renee Strnad

- 1. Roll Call/Introductions/Guests**
- 2. Additions to the agenda?** - None
- 3. Assignment of Minute Proofreaders** – Beth and Erika
- 4. Update Reports from outside groups and initiatives**
 - NREEF – Beth
 - NIFA update – hiring two new climate fellows. Promoting Extension activities at Midwest climate workshop in October. Forest service funding opportunities to underserved landowners.
 - NREEF meeting focused on getting donors. Maybe creating a commercial for the ANREP conference with interviews with donors.
 - Looking for new board members.
 - Regional reps asked to rotate attending NREEF meetings.
 - Coming up with ideas for fundraising.
 - NAAEE ee360+ Grant – Renee Strnad
 - Thanks to Chad for helping to wrap up year 2. The report was submitted.
 - Kickoff for year 3 is on Friday (Aug 18th) at 11AM EDT via Zoom. If anyone wants to attend let Renee know. Once we get the funds for year 3 need to figure out what to do with it.
 - There are 15 people currently registered in JEDI course in the fall.
 - Virtual conference this fall, Oct 17-20th. <https://conference.naaee.org/> Next year's conference will be in Pittsburgh in early November 2024.
 - Send a note to members to participate in this year's virtual conference using ANREP scholarship funds.
 - Renee will send a writeup about the conference that can be sent with the scholarship announcement.
 - NEWFI – Renee Strnad
 - Hosted an Extension professionals wildfire meeting in NC State in early July – 20 people attended from across the U.S.

- Had a meeting yesterday. Online course coming up in September. Beginner Rx fire Extension training course with the cohort in September 1-2hrs/week. Enroll here: www.go.ncsu.edu/fire-training-course.
- Wanting to do an in-person meeting at ANREP conference.

5. Approve Minutes

- Correct minutes to say “Meeting Minutes” at the beginning.
- Georgia made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Erika seconded. Motion passes.

6. Presidents Report – Bill

- Board meeting prep
- Routine correspondence
- Setting up new Zoom meeting account

7. Treasurer’s Report – Chad

- ANREP Balances as of 7/31/23
 - Checking (7411) \$ 111,380.29
 - Conference Checking (5982) \$ 34,767.05
 - Escrow Savings (5995) \$ 25,838.93
 - CD (2150) \$ 20,090.19
 - TOTAL ASSETS \$ 192,076.46
 - Previous total \$ 194,786.93
- Balance Activity:
 - Withdrawals: Payment Google Workspace, Vieth Consulting, JCEP Travel-Clawson, Exec. Sec. Q2, Dues to States (GA+SC)
- Deposits: Dues, DEIJ workshop registration

8. Executive Secretary’s Report – Dean

- We have received three nominations for the 2024 election to date, all for South Region Rep.
- The professional development scholarship application announcement and form was distributed to members. Four applications have been submitted to the system to date.
- Registrations for this fall’s JEDI training continue to come in, with 15 of 20 slots filled. 72 members have registered for next month’s ANREP professional development webinar.
- Membership renewals trickled in over the past month. As of August 16, 338 members have renewed or joined for 2023 (42 new members to date). Our total membership is 489, including life members. I will send the final dues reminder to unpaid members in mid-September.

9. Regional Rep Updates:

- Northeast – Danielle
 - Nothing to report
- Northcentral – Georgia

- Nothing to report
- Southern – Amy
 - Nothing to report
- Western – Dan
 - Education outreach for emerald ash borer. Fire season is ongoing.

10. Reports from Committees: None

11. Old Business:

- ANREP elections
 - Several nominations for Southern Region rep.
 - Still accepting nominations until the end of the month.
 - Need to reach out directly to individuals for possible President-Elect nominations.

12. New business:

- Retirement of Bill from his Extension position at Univ of Idaho. Bylaws allow retired Extension professionals to have the same privileges as active members if that person becomes a life member of ANREP.
- Zoom invite time correction for future meetings.
- Discuss getting an ANREP Zoom account for Board and other committee meetings.
 - Chad made a motion to pursue a Zoom account for ANREP. Beth seconded. Chad said a Pro account would cost \$150 per year. Motion passes. Dean will get it set up.
- Holly will be missing the Sept, Oct, & Nov meetings. Erika said she would take meeting minutes in Holly's place.

13. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:41PM EDT