

**Assembly of SGEPL Executive Committee
Conference Call (11/21/02)**

In attendance: Brian Miller (Chair); Jay Rasmussen (Chair-Elect); Jim Falk (Secretary/Treasurer); Ralph Rayburn (At-large); and Bob Bacon (Past-Chair)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Miller at 1:00 p.m.

Impact Committee update: D. Lipton (Chair of Impact Committee) asked the committee to discuss some concerns related to the Impact Committee's charge. Based on e-mails shared among Ralph Rayburn, Bob Stickney and Emory Anderson, Doug indicated that efforts are underway in NOSG to provide information on SG accomplishments through a searchable database (should have something within 6 months – May 2003).

The Executive Committee noted that we are still in need of “flagship” outreach accomplishments and waiting 6 months may be too long to wait to demonstrate we are capable of showing some significant outreach accomplishments. The timeframe for producing a draft impact statement report was by SG Week in April 2003.

D. Lipton and J. Falk circulated a memo to theme teams extension liaisons in mid-October asking for impacts. No responses have been received to date, however they were given a deadline of December 31st to respond.

Another approach may be to ask program leaders to provide 2-3 impacts from each program (should be able to pull from PAT reviews). We could then place impacts under certain theme team headings and see where the major gaps still exist. This should not be a burden for each program leader to provide a couple of major program impacts.

J. Falk will relay to D. Lipton the thoughts of the Executive Committee on this issue.

Brian Miller raised one concern from the SGA meeting that he recently attended when he discussed the outreach growth plan. Mac Rawson (GA) suggested that Sea Grant should explore a strong partnership with the American Zoological and Aquarium (AZA) Association. It was unsure what SG would be committing to with this “formal” partnership. There was agreement that there would be no problem working with this group, and that there may be groups (e.g. aquarium associations) other than the AZA that SG would be better suited to partner with.

A question was raised as to whether there is an Assembly contact to serve on a committee to explore the idea of whether SG outreach should work in close partnership with AZA or another zoo/aquarium association. This still needs to be clarified since there appears to be a lot of loose ends with this idea.

Jay Rasmussen indicated they had an ornamental fisheries extension person on their staff who interacts with aquarium organizations on a regular basis. Jay will ask this individual to represent the Assembly on this scoping committee.

SGA Program Mission Committee (PMC) chaired by Anders Andres (WI): Brian Miller indicated that the PMC is scheduled to meet in Washington DC on Dec 18-19 to begin developing a new strategic plan for Sea Grant. The chair of the Assembly Executive Committee is an ad hoc member to the PMC. However, since Brian is stepping down as chair and he had other commitments on the dates, he asked if someone else could represent him. Ralph Rayburn agreed to attend the meeting and represent the Assembly.

Brian Miller indicated that he addressed the SGA on a number of our extension committee efforts and there were no major concerns from SGA members. Brian circulated a brief e-mail summary to the Assembly of the projects he presented to the SGA. Brian did indicate that Rick Devoe (SC) mentioned to him after his presentation that the growth report we are working on should also have a research component. Brian agreed and we are prepared to note that our outreach growth topics should be supported by the appropriate research. Rick did not indicate that it was up to the extension Growth Committee to develop a companion research growth plan.

Jay Rasmussen indicated that since he will be the incoming chair of the Assembly he will plan to schedule regular conference calls with the Executive Committee like we have done for the past year.

Jay also noted that the SG Week Planning Committee, chaired by Jeff Gunderson (MN), has scheduled a November 21st conference call to begin developing our program for SG week. Once a draft agenda is developed it will be circulated for input from the Assembly.

The Fisheries Extension Enhancement ad hoc committee will meet with Jim Murray in Silver Spring, MD on Dec. 3rd to discuss the next round of activities related to this effort. There are still many lingering items and considerations to deal with before action from individual SG programs is required.

The Executive Committee thanked Brian for his excellent service as chair during the past year. We look forward to Jay's tenure as chair beginning in January 2003 and Brian serving as past-chair. Bob Bacon's tenure on the Executive Committee comes to an end and his years of service were also recognized. The results of the election for the new chair-elect position on the Assembly should be announced shortly.

With no other business to discuss, the conference call concluded at 1:50 p.m.

The next Executive Committee conference call will be scheduled by Jay Rasmussen sometime after the first of the year.

If you have any issues you would like the Executive Committee to discuss or explore, on your behalf, contact any member of the committee listed below.

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