SG Extension Assembly Excomm & Regional Reps. Conference Call
December 6, 2013 – 2:00 P.M. (EST)

Minutes

In attendance: Dave Hansen, Jack Thigpen, Tom Murray, Jim Falk, Darren Okimoto, Kathy Bunting-Howarth, Stephanie Otts, Beth Bisson

- 2013 SG Extension Assembly/Communicator Conference (Falk)
  Educators interest in participating in future conferences
    o Favorable comments on the meeting, survey in progress; will post
    o Nancy Balcom raised - should Educators be involved?
      ▪ Generally Educators attend other meetings- this would add one more?
      ▪ Maybe co-locate with NMEA?
      ▪ Will follow up- possibly invite Educator leadership
      ▪ Further discussions scheduled to take place at SG Week 2014
- Treasurer Report (Hansen)
  o Balance: $3370.28
  o Encumbrances: SG Academy ($550)
  o We will get ~$3,000 from the Philadelphia meeting
    ▪ Need to invoice UD; Falk and Hansen will address
- Assembly Elections
  o KBH- Two treasurer and two at-large candidates
    ▪ Jesse Schomberg and Julia Peterson, At-Large
    ▪ Darren Okimoto and Martin Main, Sec/Treasurer
- Fisheries Extension Network Update
  o Falk shared discussion with Eric Chapman
  o December 16 - next conference call scheduled
- Sea Grant Extension Salary Survey (results of SurveyMonkey survey) – Only 10 responding program leaders.
  o Nancy Balcom – brief survey of interest in the broader salary survey
    ▪ 100% said they would provide info if requested
    ▪ Most responses indicate that the results would not be used
    ▪ Probably not continue the salary survey
    ▪ Question- could we do this on a longer time increment?
- SG Extension “Hall of Honor” (Falk)
  o One-page “idea” document by Falk and Fawcett (shared with Assembly)
  o Conflicting comments- need to form a working group to flesh out the idea
- Sea Grant Academy
  o Funding- particularly from the national office
Letter to Leon requesting future support: to Liffmann and Hansen for comment

Subcommittee to review academy structure/audience
  - Hansen, Liffmann, and other volunteers?

By-law amendment regarding vacancies in office
  - Falk will circulate after January 1, 2014

Sea Grant Climate Network
  - Draft prospectus provided at the Philadelphia meeting
  - Still waiting on a more formal proposal from Schomberg

Hurricane Sandy Congressional Briefing – K. Bunting-Howarth
  - Held in Capitol Visitor Center on November 20
    - KBH, Leon Cammen, ~20 others
    - Coastal Storms Assessment Program, 31 proposals (up to 10 to be funded), funding distributed by early February; $1.5 million available

Regional updates
  - (Bisson) NE meeting soon after Philadelphia meeting: Focus on climate change work in the network.
    - Next NE meeting hosted by Maine
  - Law Center (Otts): On the agenda for SG Week for a workshop on advocacy
  - Coalition formed in Southeast to fight new marine protected areas, etc.
    - Bi-annual Mid-Atlantic meeting in April 2014
  - Great Lakes: Coastal storms program, Ohio Sea Grant mini-grants program
  - Social Science network research project to work with NOAA regional teams to evaluate early warning systems from NWS
  - Partners with Canadian researchers on research project, multi-million $
    - Five focus areas

Excomm terms ending (Hansen, Bunting-Howarth)
  - Both will stay involved

Next scheduled conference call
  - Begin next year in January; will schedule in early January

Other
  - Future conversation about the changing face of Sea Grant and Extension

Adjourn: 3:00pm