



Sea Grant Extension Assembly

Executive Committee Conference Call

March 20th, 3PM Eastern

Call-in Number: (866) 823-7195

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Draft Agenda

Welcome, Introductions, Role Call (All) Jesse Schomberg, David Hansen, Sam Chan, Lisa Schiavanato, Heather Triezenberg, Katherine Bunting-Howarth, Marty Main, Pete Rowe, Laura Kammin, Elizabeth Rohring

Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Schomberg) As of Mar 23 (checked after call; no changes since Dec),

Balance: \$6,039.76; \$4,961.91 in SGEA, \$1,077.85 in SCCD;

National Sea Grant Office Updates (Chan)

Aquaculture funding opportunities – 1 deadline soon: LOI's for large integrated projects due on March 28th. Purpose is to establish eligibility for full proposal. April 18th: smaller projects, up to \$150,000, due. May 9th: full integrated proposals due

NSGO proceeding as usual despite funding concerns. Omnibus proposals due in November 2017; NSGO providing guidance; hopefully out in April. Will be asking about the role of extension in the 4 focus areas. Hoping to get feedback on draft during next SGEA call.

NOAA fisheries: shows strong interest in partnering with extension; specifically on ecosystem-based fisheries management. Interested in tools that extension folks currently use, new resources that would be useful. Request not coming for a few weeks.

Liaisons positions: Elizabeth Rohring requesting for two volunteers for liaisons discussion panel. Folks will work within their networks to find out what's working, what's not, how to make the program stronger.

Sam thanked Dave for kickoff to recent SG Academy. Also expressed interest in discussions about rebuilding of Land-Sea grant water conference, and potential privatizing of an extension agent position.

Old Business

- Academy (Hansen)
 - 45 signed up; 2nd week in Oct in OR, 3-7 Oct, right before SGEA Annual Mtg

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<http://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/asgepl/>



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- We did not discuss SGEA \$ support for the Academy. Not necessarily needed, but verbal discussions indicated SGEA would assist; Jesse will look back to see what the SGEA has done for past Academies.
- Annual Meeting (Hansen)
 - Overlap 2nd week of Academy – on Oct 7; Prof Dev event. Idea: Search process to ensure it's inclusive. Other ideas may arise.
 - SGEA mtg Oct 8-10.
 - Discussion at SGA whether this meeting should happen, given budget issues. No clear response, but travel may be first thing cut by programs if funding is reduced. Before we pass the “backout date”, ExCom will re-assess viability of meeting.
- New Leader Mentoring Assessment (KBH)
 - Call later this week, organized by Jack Thigpen.
- Sea Grant and NOAA Extension Update
 - Thursday Mar 23 conference call.
- Wick Award (Kammin-Triezenberg)
 - Request for nominations out; due May 17; external evaluations in June. 3 categories: administration, programming, or combination of both.
- Reports from Networks on Needs (KBH, Schomberg, McCann)
 - SCCD survey and Next Steps (need a Program Leader Liaison) (KBH)
 - Survey results in-hand; updated vision coming for what that group could/should be. Will send out to network for feedback.
 - Need a SCCD Liaison to SGEA.
 - Fisheries Liaison: Jen McCann did not know she was liaison; will need a new one.
 - Update lists for Assembly website (Schomberg)
 - Update with Liaisons, once selected for SCCD and Fisheries
- Reviving the Land Grant-Sea Grant Water conference (Hansen, Schomberg)
 - Both agree it's a great idea.
 - Past: funded by regional USDA funding; Sea Grant was a supporter in name only.
 - New Water Liaison position in MS-AL SG? Water Resource Centers a partner? (Many SG directors are also WRC directors).
 - North Central Region Extension network has a recurring conference; opportunity to partner regionally?
 - Water Environment Federation (WEF) session at their conference?
 - Sam willing to engage with Nat'l Extension folks, if we want to move this forward.

New Business

- New listserv (KBH)



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- Done. Will keep a couple folks on the old list in case folks use the old one. KBH will look into current size limit of 999MB and see if it can be increased.
- “Extension Titles”
 - NOAA contractor position working on fisheries billed as “extension” position.
 - NSGO looking to find additional information on how this position came into being.
 - HA SG indicates they had been working with past person who was in this role, expect to work with new person as well.
 - Other NMFS regions have “extension”-like positions.
 - Potential topic for Oct SGEA meeting?
- Reports from Regions, Law Center, SGA
 - Pete Rowe: Jim Falk, Tom Murray recently retired (Jim working temporarily). Jack Thigpen retiring next year. All from 7-state Mid-atlantic region. This is a big loss! Leadership mentoring will be important.

Next SGEA conference call: Weds, May 3, 3 pm EDT

Adjourn