



Sea Grant Extension Assembly

SGEA Meeting 5 Oct 2017; Astoria, OR

1:00 Welcome and Introductions

- Roll Call - Schomberg

Assembly Roll Call

Present:

Alaska - [Torie Baker](#), [Sunnie Rice](#) (Sunnie present)
California - [Lisa Schiavinato](#) (Chair, West Coast Region)
Southern California - [Jim Fawcett](#)
Connecticut - [Nancy Balcom](#)
Delaware - ~~[Jim Falk](#)~~ / [Ed Lewandowsky](#)
Florida - [Martin Main](#) (Chair, South Atlantic Region)
Georgia - [Bryan Flech](#)
Hawaii - [Darren Okimoto](#); [Maya Walton](#) Darren present
Illinois-Indiana - [Laura Kammin](#) (At-Large)
Lake Champlain - [Kris Stepenuck](#) (Chair, Great Lakes Region)
Maine - [Beth Bisson](#) (Chair, Northeast Region) Kristin Grant here in place
Maryland - ~~[Andy Lazur](#)~~ (Eric Buel here in place; Andy Stepping down)
Michigan - [Heather Triezenberg](#) (At-Large)
Minnesota - [Jesse Schomberg](#) (Secretary-Treasurer)
New Hampshire - [Julia Peterson](#)
New Jersey - [Peter Rowe](#)
New York - [Katherine E. Bunting-Howarth](#) (Chair)
North Carolina - [Jack Thigpen](#) (Chair, Mid-Atlantic Region)
Ohio - [Tory Gabriel](#)
Oregon - [David Hansen](#) (Chair-Elect)
Pennsylvania - [Sara Stahlman](#) / [Ann Faulds](#) (Sara present)
Rhode Island - [Jennifer McCann](#)
South Carolina - [Susan Lovelace](#)
Texas - [Heather Wade](#)
Washington - [Paul Dye](#)
Wisconsin - [David Hart](#)

Not Present:

Alabama - [Jody Thompson](#)
Guam - [Marie Auyong](#) and [Austin Shelton](#)
Louisiana - [Rex Caffey](#) (Chair, Gulf Region)



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MA, MIT - [Robert Vincent](#)
 MA, Woods Hole - [Diane Murphy](#)
 Mississippi - ~~[Dave Burrage](#)~~ Stephanie Showalter new Program Leader – not present
 Puerto Rico - [René Esteves Amador](#)
 Virginia – ([Tom Murray](#) retired- no replacement yet)

- Treasurer’s Report - Schomberg

	SGEA	SCCD	
Total Due to Networks	4,564.24	1,077.85	5,642.09

Total Funds in Account 5,642.09

\$4,564.24: SGEA Balance. Latest payment: 9/1/17; \$399.91, Fisheries Extension Meeting

- Chair’s Report – Bunting-Howarth
 - 3 program leaders where this is the first meeting – Laura Kammin, Sara Stahlman, Heather Wade
 - Jack Thigpen retiring at end of year – 17 years as program leader

1:20 Extension Networks and EDEN Updates

- Climate –Schomberg
 - Leveraging Sea Grant's Climate and Weather Expertise to Support Resilient Communities and Economies: Visioning effort. Spring meetings in 3 locations simultaneously
 - SNCAFAC – Jess Whitehead was on this fed adv. Com; dissolved by administration in the spring.
- Fisheries - Fluech/Rice
 - August meeting; very valuable. New ideas: mentoring program within FEN? Lots of folks retiring. Trying to keep listserv up to date. Continuing to host webinars on various topics.
 - Sustainable Fisheries Visioning effort – workshop location New Orleans, likely March.



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- Sustainable Coastal Community Development – Hart
 - Sleepy at the moment; April Turner involved.
- EDEN – Lovelace
 - Extension Disaster Education Network; mission to reduce the impact of disasters through research-based education.
 - Next conference Oct 16-19, 2018, TX A&M
 - Monthly webinars coming in 2018; GASG and SCSG each doing one
 - Capacity building grants available; yet few apply!
 - Question: Can EDEN Train sea grant staff to be able to respond to disasters? A: possibly; past program in Florida called SMART could be a model.
 - Previous discussions with FEMA on funding a Sea Grant person in each state involved in preparedness work; and available to respond/contribute to disasters across the nation; needs to be done at national level. Kris Stepenuck interested in being involved.
 - Dave Hansen was involved with a responder training in OR.
 - Jane Harrison (NC) involved with NWS on assessing Harvey response. Hoping to help NWS improve their messaging.

1:45 Sea Grant National Water Center Extension Liaison – Bareford

- Dr. Karen Bareford – presentation. Started July 10. Urban and Regional Planning background
- National Water Extension Program Goals:
 - Ensure communities and organizations know about national water model
 - Understand pressing water challenges being faced
 - Assist efforts to address these challenges by working to id what data needed; discern what tools would be most useful
 - Facilitate development of partnerships between groups working on water issues.

2:00 Mentoring: An Update – Thigpen, Fluech

- Started Sept 2016 with 1st round.
- Ways to improve?
 - Set clearer expectations on how many times to meet
 - Regular conference calls on various topics; omnibus, dealing with difficult people, etc.
 - More frequent conversations among program Leaders is a good thing – however it happens.
 - “office hours” scheduled where everyone is available via webinar or call for conversation or dealing with issues
 - Having scheduled time to talk
 - Gives permission to have peer-to-peer conversations
 - Less formal aspect is valuable to keep stress low

2:30 Program Advisory Councils: How to Best Use Them – Balcom and McCann

- Jen McCann taking notes during this session on roles and composition

3:00 BREAK



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- 3:30 Diversity Equity and Inclusion: Updates from the Field – Lewandowski, Harrison
- Effort started with session on implicit bias at Mid-Atlantic Sea Grant meeting
 - Followup session at Sea Grant Week 2016, where a Community of Practice was formed.
 - Draft report on Best Practices for the network is available; looking for feedback.
 - Network visioning process on DEI; survey coming this fall/winter, and workshop on front end of Social Coast meeting.
 - NSF has “Includes” grants – focused on building STEM participation among underparticipating groups; Guam SG received one
- 4:15 NOAA and Sea Grant Extension – Bunting-Howarth, Triezenberg, Rohring
- Byrne Report called for connections between OAR Expertise and Sea Grant programs, and get OAR research applied and used.
 - Liaison positions came about as opportunities arose; first at Great Lakes Env. Res. Lab. All structured different.
 - Trying to develop a framework for all liaison positions. Draft framework and goals presented.
- 5:00 Assembly Business
- Wick Award and SOPA recommendations – Kammin, Triezenberg, Main
 - Heather presented overview of the two awards. SOPA: outreach, awarded @ SG Week, nominations from regions. Wick: awarded at SGEA mtgs; administration and Programming categories; different #'s awarded every year.
 - Needs:
 - Better info for award coordinators
 - Better define visioning; expand ratings from 1-5 to 1-10
 - Variety of questions about who, how many, and other details
 - Questions:
 - What are the categories that should be recognized?
 - How many awards each time?
 - How often?
 - Should nominees go out for review, or all nominated get award?
 - Selective award or recognition award?
 - Drop “career”? Focus on distinguished service?
 - Based on feedback, Bring new proposals for Wick Awards to next SGEA meeting at 2018 SG Week
 - Needed Amendments to the By-Laws, NAC member – Bunting-Howarth
 - Propose to change by-laws to match NAC bylaws to have the SGEA Chair sit on the NAC.
 - KBH will send out language and vote.
 - December Elections (one At-Large member) – Bunting-Howarth
 - Nominating Committee (Balcom, Thigpen, Okimoto)
 - Election around thanksgiving.



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Ex Com Position	Incumbent	Term
Chair	Kathy Bunting-Howarth (NYSG)	2017-2018
Vice Chair	David Hansen (ORSG)	2017-2018
Secretary-Treasurer	Jesse Schomberg (MNSG)	2017-2019
At-Large	Laura Kammin (IL-INSG)	2017-2018
At-Large	Heather Triezenberg (MISG)	2016-2017

- Location for 2019 Assembly meeting – Bunting-Howarth
 - Past Meetings:
 - 2017 – Oregon
 - 2015 – Connecticut
 - 2013 – Pennsylvania
 - 2011 – Ohio
 - 2008 – Washington (Assembly only)
 - 2006 – Puerto Rico (Assembly only)
 - SG Week in Portland in 2018
 - Let Dave Hansen (next ExCom chair) know if your program is interested

5:30 Adjourn Business meeting