Assembly of SGEPL Executive Committee
Conference Call (7/18/02)

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Miller at about 2:00 (EST)

ASGEPL Web Site

Fundamental Book photos have been added to the site.

Brian Miller will send web site address to all program leaders and inform them the site is "up-an-running" and its availability to post relevant information.

Jay Rasmussen will remain the contact person for those wanting to contribute information to the site.

ASGEPL Committees

Discussion took place about various committees formed at the Assembly meeting in Baton Rouge, LA and standing committees.

Brian will contact committee chairs and remind them of their charge. He plans to provide an update on each committee's progress at the next SGA meeting which will be held in October.

Growth Committee (Chaired by Dale Baker—NY) – Recently held a meeting in Chicago. Tentative plans were to hold their next meeting August 1, 2 in Washington, DC

Climate Change Committee (Chaired by Mike Spranger—FL) – Mike had his hands full with the shark conference, but now that it is completed he should have time to get back into the committee assignment.

Impact Committee (Chaired by Doug Lipton—MD) – It was noted that everyone is "hungry" for impact bullets. This committee can contribute some additional bullets as a follow-up to the series of impact statement recently circulated by Ben Sherman. Jim Falk will contact Doug since volunteered to serve on this committee.

Fisheries Extension Committee (Chaired by Jay Rasmussen—OR) – Jay indicated that there has been little movement on the progress of his committee. We discussed that dollars were authorized for fisheries extension by the senate to be included in the Sea Grant appropriation. Jay also noted that he would contact the groups who were awarded regional funds and try to have progress reports at Sea Grant Week 2003. Ralph and Jay noted that in the recent draft of the Magnuson Act that there was language regarding the

need for fisheries data collection and outreach and a specific reference to the involvement in Sea Grant College Programs for this effort. Jay circulated a copy of the draft Magnuson Act document to the Executive Committee. Jay will post it on the ASGEPL web site for others to review.

Proposal Review Committee (Chaired by Rick Wallace--AL) –There does not seem to be a great deal of progress on this committee and Rick was not in Baton Rouge to engage in the discussion that took place there. We suggested that Rick might want to converse with Jim Murray and get back to the Assembly with any insight Jim provides.

Awards Committee (Chaired by Ralph Rayburn – TX) – This is an active committee with an ongoing charge. We discussed that the Assembly plans to award a "Superior Outreach Program Award" at the Sea Grant Week awards banquet. Ron Hodson (SG Director liaison to ASGEPL) will discuss it at the SGA meeting and request the SGA to sanction this as a biennial award that extension program leaders will present at each Sea Grant Week. Ralph noted that he would post information about awards on the ASGEPL web site for everyone to see.

SG Week 2003

Jay filled us in on progress being made on SG Week 2003 planning. The theme of the meeting is "Sea Grant: Expanding our Horizon". He reported we will have our Assembly meeting on Sunday (April 27th) from 8:30 – 5:00. We plan to hold a general session in the morning and our business meeting in the afternoon. A 2-hour block of time will also be reserved on Wednesday (April 30th) for Assembly wrap-up of business and focus on any action items identified by the group. Jay is looking for volunteer(s) to assist in planning the Assembly meeting.

With no other business to discuss, the conference call concluded at about 3:30 p.m. EST.

The next Executive Committee conference call is scheduled for September 19, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. EST.

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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