

**SG Extension Assembly Excomm Conference Call**  
**June 12, 2014**  
**3:00 – 4:00 P.M. (EDT)**  
**Meeting minutes**

Roll Call (D. Okimoto): all present except Jesse

- Jim Falk
- Tom Murray
- Jenn McCann
- Jesse Schomberg
- Michael Liffmann
- Darren Okimoto

Treasurer's Report (D. Okimoto)

-Assembly treasure account balance as of 6/12/14: \$6371.08

- Allocation of Funds to Extension Networks (J. Falk)

-Falk: With three existing networks sanctioned by the Assembly (climate, fisheries, SCCD) Jim is proposing to make some funding available (\$500/network, \$1500 total) as a one-time shot for programmatic activities; put thoughts out to ExComm.

-Darren: think it's a good idea.

-Jenn: have them do a write up on how they plan to spend the funds.

-Jim: would contact network leads (April Turner, SCCD; Eric Chapman, Fisheries; Jesse Schomberg, Climate) and bounce idea off of them.

-Tom: made motion to allocate funds to three networks/Darren: seconded the motion.

-Vote: all voted in favor.

- SCCD Account (\$379.00) – Shadow Account (J. Falk)

-Jim: have been talking to SCCD network about pulling funds out of Texas A&M account and put into account where there are no transaction fees. Jim proposed to move account over to our Assembly account; discussed this with Devaney at MS-AL and she was okay with this. Couldn't see any flaws or disadvantages to this proposition. We will require regular reporting from the SCCD treasurer to insure account is maintained properly.

-Positive feedback from Darren and Tom on action.

NSGO Update (M. Liffmann)

-Directors and 2015 class of Knauss finalists have been notified by NSGO. Mike sent out this list by email to the Assembly on 6/13/2014 and requested that the local Sea Grant programs do an orientation with these finalists before placement week. List is now posted at NSGO website at <http://seagrants.noaa.gov/FundingFellowships/KnaussFellowship/FinalistsCurrentFellows/2015Class.aspx>.

-Received one proposal to conduct the Sea Grant Academy and am processing proposal. Suggestion to Jim and Tom to query network about how many individuals will local programs send to Sea Grant Academy training. Jim: did proposal go through review process. Mike: Yes.

-Eigan, Ban and Bevan attending Sea Grant Great Lakes regional meeting next week.

-FYI 2013 and 2014 fairly sparse in funding for special projects; Mike is pressing leadership for pot of funds for special projects and professional development meetings and asked for help with supporting this with Leon and Kola. Mike noted that past support letters sent to Leon from the Assembly have been well received. Falk will draft a letter to Leon supporting the idea of establishing another special projects fund and provide examples of previous meetings and projects supported by these types of funds in the past.

-Huge shout out to fisheries extension network in holding webinars which energized the network; 50 individuals participated in last one on fisheries and tourism.

-Jim: question about minibus proposals and if that information (e.g. how state programs addressed resilience projects in their minibus proposals) would be available to network to see the scope of ideas that were submitted; Mike: possible to compile information from individual programs and share with network.

#### *Superior Outreach Program Award Update (J. McCann and J. Schomberg)*

-received a nomination from each region-some from individual programs and one was a partnership; lined up 3 competent reviewers and have until June 30 to submit reviews; Jenn and Jesse will compile results and determine single winner.

-Jim: told LaDon Swann and Jim Hurley that they'll have information on winner by end of June.

-Jenn: will identify winner by first week of July and share the information on this and names of other regional submissions with Jim.

#### SG Week 2014 (September 7 – 12) – Clearwater Beach, FL

- <http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/seagrant/agenda.html>
  - Extension Assembly Business Meeting Monday (9/8/14) 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
  - Planning Committee: need to create; Tom volunteered to help with Jim and Marty Main; idea to ask regional reps to help with planning (Jenn: Beth is on maternity leave, Jenn offered to help). Kathy BH sent out survey and asked folks to fill out by end of June to obtain information on how SG extension programs are financed. These results will be shared at our Assembly business meeting. Jim got call from Steve Sempier at MS-AL sharing the news that four oil spill extension specialist have been hired in the Gulf. Each Gulf state will have a specialist in their program. Steve asked if they could give a short presentation on their tasks during our Assembly meeting. Jim: looking at Assembly listserv and past 3-4 months there's been a bunch of new hires (Michigan, South Carolina, Washington, Texas) and folks leaving (Moy, Wisconsin; Granger, Washington).
- 168 folks registered to date for SG Week so encourage folks to register ASAP. Workshop sessions are filling up fast.

## Network Reports - Assembly Liaisons

- Fisheries Extension Network Council (J. McCann)
  - Jen emailed Eric and asked if he wanted to share anything with us. See <https://learn.extension.org/events/search?utf8=%E2%9C%93&q=sustainable+marine+fisheries#.U5slYo1dVoV> for the most recent fisheries and tourism webinar. No set date for their next conference call.
- Climate Network (J. Schomberg)
  - no report.
- Sustainable Coastal Community Development Network (J. Falk)
  - Funding for travel to Professional Development Meetings: exploring idea of reserving \$2K from \$50K SCD funding for travel for reps--something to discuss at Sea Grant Week. Delaware, Virginia and Rhode Island extension leaders have oversight on their SCD budgets. Hawaii extension leader could possibly support with other funds.
  - No conference call since our last conference call. Their next call is being planned for August.

## States Organization for Boating (SOBA) Access Discussion/Feedback - (Annual Meeting Scheduled in October 6-9, 2014)

-Jim: attended a Partner's Outdoors 2014 conference with Kola and Mike (and other NOAA folks) sponsored by the American Recreation Coalition: lobbying group of industry sector (e.g., Coleman, outdoor/camping products, etc.). Had a good conversation with Brian Bohnsack at Fish and Wildlife about boating access. He was asking about possibility about organizing a session at the SOBA conference in October with Sea Grant on boating access and/or invasive species. Website: SOBA. Tom's program's worked with SOBA on boating infrastructure grants and workshops; There are probably other examples of Sea Grant Programs who have provided extension services for this group. Jim: thinking of reaching out to working waterfronts folks. Tom was approached by SOBA but has a scheduling conflict. Also connect with clean marina folks? Jenn: what about climate and how it would impact marinas and boating access sites? Jim will explore with those folks and see if it resonates with them. Jim: When is the next working waterfronts meeting? Tom: Fall 2015 in Tampa, FL area.

## Other:

-Darren: Suggestion to Jim to consider Assembly Chair's awards at SG Week meeting. A number of individuals in the extension network are doing exceptional work and are deserving of recognition. Excomm members are encouraged to mull this over and discuss later in the summer.

-August 14 is the next Assembly conference call with regional reps.