

**SG Extension Assembly Conference Call  
(Excomm Officers)  
October 9, 2014  
3:00 – 4:00 P.M. (EDT)  
Meeting Minutes**

Roll Call – D. Okimoto

- Present: Jim Falk, Jesse Schomberg, Michael Liffmann, Jennifer McCann
- Absent: Tom Murray

Treasurers Report – D. Okimoto

- Assembly treasure account balance as of 10/9/14: \$6371.08

NSGO Update – M. Liffmann

- Kudos to the network on the high level recognition by the White House on Sea Grant's coastal communities/resilience work. Sea Grant extension figured prominently in this effort. This is an example of how these numbers the NSGO gathered can help market the program and demonstrate impacts in coastal communities served by Sea Grant.
- Mike is participating in SRTs which are underway and all is going well.
- Mike has received about a dozen or so MOUs from state programs with ties to Cooperative Extension/Land Grant. Julia Peterson and Josh Gunn will work with Mike to put together a template for the Sea Grant Directors and Extension Leaders to consider for their use before the end of the year.
- Jim: Anything new on the HUD resilience scene? Mike has no new news to share.
- Mike has identified a potential candidate to fill his shoes after he steps down and has started discussions regarding an IPA arrangement. He encourages the network to submit additional candidate's names.

SG Academy Update – M. Liffmann

- Dave Hansen will be in town in November and will discuss details with Mike about the academy agenda. Mike suggested to Jim that it might be appropriate to query Dave on how many individuals from state programs have registered so far.

SOPA – Reimbursement – J. Schomberg/J. McCann

- Jesse will send a copy of the invoice for the plaques for Sea Grant Week to Darren for reimbursement and copy Jim on the message.
- Jim: The presentation went really smooth. Jesse did a good job! Jim proposed the idea of sending out a congratulatory letter from him to the winning program – GA SG; Jesse and Jen supported the idea—they have a couple of ideas about tweaking the SOPA description to make it more clear. Jim proposed to Jesse and Jen to have a tweaked description available to review for the December 11 Assembly call.

### Website Maintenance/Upkeep – J. Falk

-Jim: Tom is willing to work with his web staff to upkeep the website and review it on a regular basis to keep the information current. Jim wants to initiate a discussion about providing some funding to support the program that agrees to take on this responsibility. He asked the Excomm to keep this on our plate and think about how best to do this.

### Elections Update – J. Falk

-Jim: Jack Thigpen and Marty Main have agreed to serve on the nominating committee. They will hold an election in late November/early December for an At-large and a Chair-elect position to start in January 2015. Will need a brief biography from each candidate. Jim put out a request in helping to identify candidates who may be willing to serve. Jim will follow-up with Jack and Marty to insure elections are held in a timely manner.

### 2015 Assembly Meeting Location/Date – J. Falk

-Jim: 2015 is our off year Assembly meeting. He put out the idea to the New England/Northeast region to consider hosting the next meeting in the fall. He asked Jen to reach out the NE Extension Program Leaders about this. Either Jim or Ann Faulds would be available to participate in early conference calls to provide guidance as needed. Once a site/time is identified we'll inform the Communicators.

### SCCD Network Meeting – J. Falk

-November 2, 2014 is the meeting date for the SCCD network meeting. They will host a training workshop in addition to a business meeting in conjunction with the Restore America's Estuaries and Coastal Society meeting in National Harbor, MD (right outside of Washington DC).

### Other

-Fisheries Extension Network update: Jen talked with Eric Chapman and learned that Connecticut Sea Grant will be hosting a webinar training on October 15, 2014 on how to use internet to grow aquaculture sales. On October 27, 2014, the Fisheries Extension Network will host a webinar at 3 pm EST by Dr. Jeremy Mathis on "Ocean Acidification Risk Assessment for Alaska's Fishery Sector.

-Jim: The SCCD network will use the \$500 offered by the Assembly to help cover their meeting expenses.

-Jim: made a suggestion to the group on how to show our appreciation to our two NSGO Knauss Fellows, Tammy Newcomer Johnson and Elizabeth Bevan, who have been doing an excellent job. Jim proposed the idea of each Sea Grant program sending two things from each local Sea Grant programs which will be compiled into a Sea Grant gift bag for the two. Jim will discuss this idea among others and send out the request through the Assembly list serve. Jen offered to help coordinate the type of gifts received.

-Jim: sent Mike a DE Sea Grant press release; the DE General Assembly passed legislation to support aquaculture in inland bays in Delaware. A couple of researchers received funding to support industry development and a DE Senator also helped celebrate the effort.