

SG Extension Assembly Excomm & Regional Reps. Conference Call December 6, 2013 – 2:00 P.M. (EST)

Minutes

In attendance: Dave Hansen, Jack Thigpen, Tom Murray, Jim Falk, Darren Okimoto, Kathy Bunting-Howarth, Stephanie Otts, Beth Bisson

- 2013 SG Extension Assembly/Communicator Conference (Falk)
 - Educators interest in participating in future conferences
 - Favorable comments on the meeting, survey in progress; will post
 - Nancy Balcom raised - should Educators be involved?
 - Generally Educators attend other meetings- this would add one more?
 - Maybe co-locate with NMEA?
 - Will follow up- possibly invite Educator leadership
 - Further discussions scheduled to take place at SG Week 2014
- Treasurer Report (Hansen)
 - Balance: \$3370.28
 - Encumbrances: SG Academy (\$550)
 - We will get ~\$3,000 from the Philadelphia meeting
 - Need to invoice UD; Falk and Hansen will address
- Assembly Elections
 - KBH- Two treasurer and two at-large candidates
 - Jesse Schomberg and Julia Peterson, At-Large
 - Darren Okimoto and Martin Main, Sec/Treasurer
- Fisheries Extension Network Update
 - Falk shared discussion with Eric Chapman
 - December 16 - next conference call scheduled
- Sea Grant Extension Salary Survey (results of SurveyMonkey survey) – Only 10 responding program leaders.
 - Nancy Balcom – brief survey of interest in the broader salary survey
 - 100% said they would provide info if requested
 - Most responses indicate that the results would not be used
 - Probably not continue the salary survey
 - Question- could we do this on a longer time increment?
- SG Extension “Hall of Honor” (Falk)
 - One-page “idea” document by Falk and Fawcett (shared with Assembly)
 - Conflicting comments- need to form a working group to flesh out the idea
- Sea Grant Academy
 - Funding- particularly from the national office

- Letter to Leon requesting future support: to Liffmann and Hansen for comment
 - Subcommittee to review academy structure/audience
 - Hansen, Liffmann, and other volunteers?
- By-law amendment regarding vacancies in office
 - Falk will circulate after January 1, 2014
- Sea Grant Climate Network
 - Draft prospectus provided at the Philadelphia meeting
 - Still waiting on a more formal proposal from Schomberg
- Hurricane Sandy Congressional Briefing – K. Bunting-Howarth
 - Held in Capitol Visitor Center on November 20
 - KBH, Leon Cammen, ~20 others
 - Coastal Storms Assessment Program, 31 proposals (up to 10 to be funded), funding distributed by early February; \$1.5 million available
- Regional updates
 - (Bisson) NE meeting soon after Philadelphia meeting: Focus on climate change work in the network.
 - Next NE meeting hosted by Maine
 - Law Center (Otts): On the agenda for SG Week for a workshop on advocacy
 - Coalition formed in Southeast to fight new marine protected areas, etc.
 - Bi-annual Mid-Atlantic meeting in April 2014
 - Great Lakes: Coastal storms program, Ohio Sea Grant mini-grants program
 - Social Science network research project to work with NOAA regional teams to evaluate early warning systems from NWS
 - Partners with Canadian researchers on research project, multi-million \$
 - Five focus areas
- Excomm terms ending (Hansen, Bunting-Howarth)
 - Both will stay involved
- Next scheduled conference call
 - Begin next year in January; will schedule in early January
- Other
 - Future conversation about the changing face of Sea Grant and Extension
- Adjourn: 3:00pm