

**Sea Grant Extension Assembly
ExCom Conference Call
July 10, 2012**

In Attendance: Bob Bacon, Jim Fawcett, Ann Faulds, Kathy Bunting-Howarth, Jim Falk, Mike Liffmann, Stephanie Showalter-Otts, Dave Hansen

Chairman Bob Bacon called the conference call meeting to order at noon (West Coast time)

Superior Outreach Programming Award

K. Bunting-Howarth and A. Faulds update the Excom. The review committee selected a winner and the ExCom approved the selection to be announced publicly at Sea Grant Week. Those on the call were asked to keep the name of the winner quiet so that it could be a surprise at Sea Grant week. The review committee and others have made recommendations for the next competition guidance document, and Kathy and Ann will take a first stab at revising the existing guidance for review.

Sea Grant Week Planning

Announcement will go out next week. Discussed the possibility of web access and decided having that available would potentially reduce attendance. Due to budgets, and politics, few from the National Office will attend.

The Assembly will hold a ½ day business meeting at SGW on Tuesday (**Now changed to Monday**). An agenda for the meeting will be developed during the next few months. If anyone has business items to discuss please share them with the chairs of your region or with any Excom member.

Fundamentals Booklet

K. Bunting-Howarth updated the Excom on the progress on revising the fundamentals booklet. Approximately 2/3 of the chapters are drafted. Drafts will be available in Mid-July through the Assembly website (<http://seagrants.oregonstate.edu/asgepl/>). The network will have approximately two weeks to provide comments/edits. The discussion included working on the “tone” of the document (passive vs. active, etc.). The final draft will be circulated to partners.

Assembly Treasury

The Assembly account has been moved to Chase Bank in Louisiana. Dave Hansen and Jim Falk will follow up with Katie Lea to get access to the account.

South Carolina Situation

Bob Bacon briefed the group, from his personal cell phone, on the budget situation in South Carolina. The Governor vetoed funding for Sea Grant and the next step was for the legislature to consider overriding the veto – likely in two weeks. In the meantime the doors are closed and the phones are off.

With no further business the call concluded at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary/Treasurer Dave Hansen.