



Sea Grant Extension Assembly

Executive Committee Conference Call

May 3rd, 3PM Eastern

See Zoom Invitation

Agenda and Minutes

Welcome, Introductions, Role Call (All)

Heather, Kathy, Dave, Elizabeth, Laura, Jesse

Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Schomberg):

Balance: \$6,039.76; \$4,961.91 in SGEA, \$1,077.85 in SCCD

National Sea Grant Office Updates (Elizabeth R)

News: congress agreed on budget to finish FY2017. FY18 is still up in the air. Still moving forward with everything that they can move forward with. Since no FY18 budget, they don't know what that means as far as what they're allowed to do regarding providing omnibus guidance. NEPA changes expected (provided it goes forward). Jonathan Pennock is working hard to get clarity. Recommend that programs assume the schedule will remain the same, but good to touch base with your program officer before spending a lot of time on it right now.

Aquaculture panel is coming up; when Aquaculture grants are being submitted, be very cognizant that there is 50% match for EACH YEAR. Some FFO instructions for filling out 90-2; there could be confusion about what to put in the boxes. Follow federal funding instructions to the letter, even if it seems redundant.

Knauss Selection panel coming up.

Advisory board: Recent request for nominations. We are missing certain types of expertise, to try to get more visibility in certain sectors. A panel of folks will be looking at applicants, from NOAA and other agencies. They will review, and provide recommendations for 4 openings over the year. Then, the onerous process for getting clearance will begin. Currently, no NOAA administrator named, and don't know who in the White House will review candidates. 1-1.5 years is typical for getting clearance.

Old Business

- Academy (Hansen)
 - 2nd session is 1st full week of Oct; finalized dates coming soon.
- Annual Meeting (Hansen)

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<http://seagrant.oregonstate.edu/asgepl/>



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- Possibly moving to full overlap with the Academy, during the 1st week of Oct. Start on 4th, end on 5th; 2 full days. 6th, field trip for both academy and SGEA. Will check with folks to see how this works.
- This Friday: meeting to discuss agenda and details for the annual meeting
- New Leader Mentoring Assessment-update from March call (KBH)
 - Thanks to Jack Thigpen for arranging call for mentors last month. Recommended next call to include mentees, and have session at Annual Meeting to continue discussion.
 - A framework/structure might make it more valuable.
- Sea Grant and NOAA Extension Update (Kammin)
 - Laura – scheduling next call, and will be developing first draft
- NSGO Liaison Committee (KBH)
 - Elizabeth: Members include 2 Advisory committee, 2 SGA, 2 NSGO, 2 SGEA members. Charge: review liaison positions to best use these positions for the benefit for Sea Grant. Inform policies, procedures for different types of positions. There has never been any guidelines, but we don't want to mess up any of the good that these positions are doing.
 - Request for input from across the network will be coming, so all will have a chance to provide input and feedback.
 - Suggestion to include the liaison positions to the SGEA Listserv? Could be problematic; discussions about liaisons would not be appropriate. Sam and Elizabeth, for now, will forward SGEA E mails to the liaisons that don't contain any sensitive information.
- Wick Award (Kammin-Triezenberg)
 - Some questions, but no submissions/nominations to-date. Another reminder to be sent. One question: over years, several were selected, last years, only one selected for each category. Due end of day on May 17th.
- Update on Networks (Schomberg, KBH)
 - Climate Network hosting SG meeting at National Adaptation forum meeting
 - Bryan Fluech, new Fisheries Extension Network liaison to SGEA.
 - SCCD: still need a liaison!
- Reviving the Land Grant-Sea Grant Water conference (Hansen, Schomberg)
 - No update. Address in the future.
- Updates on "Extension Titles" (NSGO)
 - We are planning to discuss this topic at the SGEA conference in October.

New Business

- Thoughts on the Aquaculture call (all)
 - Challenging for programs, but not a lot of feedback.
- Is there a role for the ExCom or Assembly in the budget issues?
 - Not necessarily... nothing was indicated.
- Other



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o Economic Valuation

- Improve consistency in reporting economic benefits from SG programs? Maine produced a report a number of years ago, as did the Gulf. Opportunity to discuss at the SGEA Conference. Different methods used by different programs. Nat'l Office reviews our numbers from PIER and how we calculated them, and will make sure they are justifiable. National Office guidance has remained same for past 4 cycles.
- There's guidance in Annual Report, and guidance in Strategic Plan development. Elizabeth will look at both and make sure they're consistent.
- Right now, each program does it how they want, and the National Office says whether or not they're defensible. If we had a list of defensible methods, we could select the most appropriate for our situations. A list of "undefensible" methods or submissions would also be helpful.

Adjourn