

ANREP Executive Committee Meeting

February 24, 2021

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM ET

Final Approved Minutes

Attending: Holly Abeels (Southern Region Rep.), Alicia Betancourt (President), Beth Clawson (President-Elect), Chad Cook (Treasurer), Erika Lyon (North Central Region Rep), Lara Milligan (Past-President), Eric Norland (NIFA Liaison), Danielle Rhea (Northeast Region Rep), Dean Solomon (Executive Secretary), Kevin Zobrist (Secretary)

Not Attending: Lauren Grand (Western Region Rep.)

Guests: Shannon Murray (2021 conference chair), Norm Haley (PD Committee Chair), Timothy Daly (Awards Committee), Victor Blanco (Awards Committee)

Agenda

1. Roll Call/Introductions.

- There is a quorum.

2. Assignment of Minute Proofreaders

- Recorder: Kevin Zobrist, Secretary
- Proofreaders: Holly, Beth

3. Agenda Approval

- A motion carried to approve the agenda.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A motion carried to approve the January 20th minutes.

5. Reports from Officers, Initiatives, and Current Conference Committee

- 2021 Conference Update – Shannon Murray
 - Registration will launch on March 1st. Emails will go out to speakers and 2020 registrants.
 - The board supports the planning team’s desire to not have an increased fee for late registration.
 - The program is looking good, and the schedule is on the conference website. They are talking to a couple possible keynote speakers.
 - Shannon will contact Conference Services about adding Alicia and Lara as admins in Whova.
- Treasurer’s Report – Chad Cook
 - Account balances on 1/31/2021:

▪ Checking – 7411	\$84,707.15
▪ Conference Checking – 5982	\$21,918.83
▪ Escrow Savings – 5995	\$26,792.31
▪ CD 2150	\$20,063.45
▪ Total Assets	\$153,841.74
▪ Previous Total	\$147,509.58
 - Transferred state dues to FL and GA.
 - Processed membership renewals and had some misc. payments.

- Executive Secretary’s Report – Dean Solomon
 - It would be good for committees to use our shared storage so that we maintain historical documents and such
 - There are 321 members who are current with their dues.
 - Some messages are still going out through the old listserv instead of Constant Contact, so the old listserv should be disabled at this point.
- NIFA Update – Eric Norland
 - President Biden nominated Tom Vilsack to be Secretary of Ag. He was the Secretary of Ag under the Obama Administration. His confirmation is still pending.
 - The new administration has a strong focus on science and climate change, and USDA will have a significant role in this. The USDA Climate 21 Project website is <https://climate21.org/usda/>.
 - The new NIFA director is Carrie Castille, and she has a background and strong interest in Extension.
- JCEP Update – Lara Milligan
 - The Extension Leadership Conference went well—largest attendance yet and provided experience using Whova.
 - Online PILD Conference will be April 12-13.
 - Planning in-person PILD DC conference April 2022
- NREEF Update – Lara Milligan and Dean Solomon
 - NREEF is working on reinvigorating their fundraising campaign.
 - NREEF no longer goes by “NREEF” – either spelled out or “The Foundation”
- Regional Rep Updates
 - Southern – Holly Abeels
 - No update.
 - Western – Lauren Grand is on leave
 - No update.
 - North Central – Erika Lyon
 - Ohio state champion is working to recruit members from Central State University, which received 1890 land grant status in 2014.
 - North East – Danielle Rhea
 - No update.

6. Reports from Committees

- Awards – Timothy Daly and Victor Blanco
 - There were 165 entries (last year was 105), but some are duplicates.
 - More judges are needed. Judges will receive assignments on March 1st and will have two weeks to complete judging.
- Communications – Chad Cook
 - The newsletter went out. The cleaning out of the email list worked well—fewer bounces.
- Membership – Lara Milligan
 - Lara would like everyone to make a strong effort to recruit student members.
 - Membership flier ready to go out.
- Professional development – Norm Haley and Alicia Betancourt
 - The committee is looking for members from the west and north central regions.
 - The committee is providing webinar and conference tables for the newsletter.
 - The webinars tab on the ANREP website hasn’t been updated since 2016—the committee would like to revive this as a professional development tab. Dean will talk to Darryl and get back to Norm.

- Strategic planning – Erika Lyon
 - The committee has had a couple meetings and has established a timeline to get this done in six months.
 - The committee wants the plan to be more directed, focused on practical action items instead of broad language. The committee also wants the plan to be much shorter so it's more likely to get used.
- 2022 Conference – Beth Clawson
 - Beth provided the board with a Kalamazoo Radisson Plaza contract summary/overview to review and provide feedback to the committee and the board. This is just the contract between MSU and the venue to lock in the dates, not the contract with ANREP.

7. Unfinished business

- Web hosting options – Dean Solomon
 - Still looking at options that will meet our needs.
- Past president parting gift
 - Alicia will coordinate an effort to recognize John at the business meeting.
 - Dean is working on the Foundation donation in John's name.

8. New business

- No new business.

9. Adjournment

- The next regular board meeting will be March 24, 2021 @ 3:00 PM ET
- The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM ET.