

**Western Regional Panel
Executive Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 12, 2006
Minutes**

Members Present: Billie Kerans, Jason Goeckler, John Wullschleger, Karen McDowell, Kevin Anderson, Lynn Schlueter, Robyn Draheim, Tina Proctor

Members Absent: Eileen Ryce, Bob Piorkowski

1. Welcome to new EC members

Tina and Kevin welcomed the new EC members, Billie Kerans, Lynn Schlueter and Jason Goeckler and described the purpose and duties of the EC. Bob Piorkowski has been reassigned from his job as ANS coordinator in Alaska and will no longer be able to serve on the EC. Because there were 4 people who ran for election for the EC at the Portland meeting and three got elected, the EC agreed to ask the fourth person on the list, Susan Ellis, to re-join the group.

2. Annual Meeting Debrief

Kevin noted that the Working Effectively with Tribes training was excellent and he was sorry that more people didn't take advantage of the opportunity to attend.

There was a discussion about the member's presentations. Karen suggested that all the people who sent in written reports should be allowed to speak first and if there is time, other people should be given three minutes to give an update.

Kevin said he enjoyed the two panels and there was discussion about just having one panel next year on a specific topic and allowing more time for discussion and determining an action plan involving the topic.

Several people thought we spent too much time deciding on which projects to fund. We need to start earlier in the summer on getting proposals and have the people respond to questions before the meeting. The chart that Kevin made was helpful. The EC decided that we need to have a Standard Operating Procedure before next year's meeting. It was decided to reinstate the Work Plan Committee with members, Billie, Lynn and Karen. The first order of business will be to create an SOP. Other interested members will be solicited.

Tina suggested next year we end the second day at 3:00 p.m. because many people left after the break that day.

A discussion of dates for next year's meeting in Hawaii followed. The American Fisheries Society meeting is the week after Labor Day in San Francisco in 2007. Several people felt they would be attending that meeting. Everyone agreed that the second week in September

would be better and that some people could fly to Hawaii from San Francisco to save money.

3. Rapid Response Survey

Tina and Kevin discussed surveying the WRP members for their experience and results from any rapid response activity they have been involved in. The ANSTF will be discussing Rapid Response for a whole day at their November 7-9 meeting and it might be useful to have information about what worked or lessons learned from actual experiences. Lynn suggested that Tina check with Mike Hoff because the MRBP has already sent a requested for information from states that overlap with the WRP. Tina will send an e-mail request to the membership. Tina will also set up a conference call with people who expressed an interest in this topic at the Portland meeting: John Chapman, Tony Montgomery, Susan Ellis, Stephen Phillips, Paul Heimowitz, John Wullschleger, Eileen Ryce, Larry Riley, and Pam Meacham. Kevin and Eileen will lead the group and present information from this discussion to the ANSTF.

4. Committee on School Curricula and Biological Supply Houses

After the panel presentations on school curricula and biological supply houses at the annual meeting, the members decided to create a committee to look further into these issues. Paul agreed to be chair and other interested people are Kevin, Jeff Herod, Joan Cabreza, Robyn Draheim and Sam Chan. Tina will send an e-mail to the membership to solicit more members and set up a conference call to get the committee started. Tina and Kevin agreed to bring up the topic at the Regional Panel heads meeting in Arlington on November 6.

5. Viral Hemoragic Septicemia

Jason noted that this is a fish disease that is emerging in the Great Lakes and could eventually have an effect on us in the West. This started a discussion about the WRP role in invasive diseases. Billie works on both whirling disease and ANS issues and mentioned that historically ANS and diseases have been handled through different agencies and different funding streams. Tina said that the FWS ANS program does not deal with diseases because of the small amount of funding available. The EC agreed that this would be an interesting discussion at some future time: how do we deal with the nexus between ANS and disease?

6. CA State Management Plan

Karen noted that the CA State Management plan will be presented to the Task Force at their May meeting in 2007.