

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call Minutes

Thursday, June 14, 2012

Participants: Executive Committee Members: Elizabeth Brown (vice-chair), Tom McMahon, Stephen Phillips, John Wullschleger, Diane Cooper; Coordinator: Joanne Grady

1) WRP Coordinator – Elizabeth Brown

WRP Selection Committee conducted two interviews on Tuesday. Coordinator committee selected ISAN as the candidate to forward to Executive Committee for approval. Executive Committee unanimously voted to accept the recommendation and offer coordinator role to ISAN.

2) AG Workshop – Tom McMahon

Dates: August 22-23rd at DoubleTree Hotel in Phoenix, AZ. Travel date of August 21st.

Hotel: Guest rooms will be \$80/night. Meeting room will be \$250/day with free AV, free buffet breakfasts, free am/pm breaks and free wireless internet.

Field Trip: Morning of Aug. 22nd to Lake Pleasant to show folks the mussel horror story. Salt River Project will pay for lunch at the lake.

Give participants a recovery break. Reconvene about 2 pm for afternoon session. Full day of session/break-out session on Thursday, 23rd.

3) WRP Annual Meeting Update - Elizabeth Brown for Larry Dalton

Meeting is Sept 4-7th in Salt Lake City. The hotel contract is finalized, but need registration code. Need to send another Save the Date, supply hotel reservation information and firm up our agenda.

4) Ballast Tank Research –Stephen

Proposal to Bonneville Power “TI” grant program to test ballast tank filter technology – passed first phase and working on second phase proposal. Should hear about funding by July 25th; Tentative plans are to test demo units at Lake Mead Hatchery, Tennessee and Florida. Would like to be on WRP annual meeting agenda for discussion because there’s no process/agency in place for certification for freshwater decontamination technology. This is a good public/private partnership to help watercraft inspection programs.

Next Regularly Scheduled Call: Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 10 am MT, 9 am PT, 11 am CT