

Western Regional Panel Executive Committee Monthly Conference Call Minutes

Thursday, August 11, 2011

**Participants: Elizabeth Brown, Tom McMahon, Joanne Grady, Karen McDowell, Bob McMahon, Kevin Anderson, John Wullschleger, Diane Cooper, Stephen Phillips
Stephanie Carman, Tammy Davis**

Items discussed:

1) Annual Meeting Travel Approval:

We have about \$3K left from last year's money and about \$28,000 from this year's money. We have \$16,546 in requests without speakers, and about \$2K for other meeting expenses. ExCom voted to approve all travel requests. Stephen will have a few hundred dollars in requests for speakers.

2) Annual meeting:

WRP annual meeting will be held in Oakland, California, October 12-13, 2011 with possible field trips on Oct. 14th. Planning committee is having regular calls and arrangements are progressing.

Agenda:

Tuesday, Oct. 11th = Travel day and informal state and federal coordinators meetings

Wednesday and Thursday (Oct. 12-13) = **Panel meeting**

Friday, Oct. 14 = Optional field trips

ExCom reviewed agenda. Karen will secure group (pay on your own) reservation for Wed. night.

Under a new rule the ANSTF has to approve all panel/committee agendas; we'll need to submit agenda to Susan Mangin.

2) ANSTF Preparations

Karen participated on the all-Panel call on August 9th where the draft agenda for the November ANSTF meeting was reviewed.

All panels are supposed to submit recommendations for ANSTF one month before. We'll need to give them a heads-up on issues we know ahead of time, and plan to submit whatever comes out of the meeting. (Still concerned about decontamination of boats from Lake Mead. – See item 5 below)

3) ExCom Elections at WRP Meeting:

Kevin, Eileen, Stephen, Elizabeth, Karen are all up for re-election. Joanne needs to send out request for nominations.

4) Panel Coordinator

Elizabeth and Stephen to coordinate putting information together for this including how other panels function in terms of coordination, administration and job duties.

5) ANSTF Meeting - Recommendations

Meeting being held November 2nd and 3rd in D.C.

Bob, Elizabeth, John, Tom, & Stephen will work together to draft the recommendation for the WRP to the ANSTF about need for improvement in decontaminating boats from the Lake Mead & Lake Havasu region. Joanne will send a reminder to this group of people to prepare something prior to the September 8th Ex Comm Meeting (No leader has been identified yet).

People should bring additional ideas for recommendations to the next ex comm call.

6) Committee Reports:

a) ANSTF Strategic Plan (ANSTF)

Stephanie represents BLM and the WRP on this ANSTF committee. They expect to have a draft strategic plan to review at the November meeting. Stephanie's primary recommendation is to mention the panels under regional coordination.

b) QZAP (ANSTF) – There will be a conference call on Monday. There are no further updates.

c) Dreissenid Detection Standards and Protocol Coordination Group (WRP) – No Update: Stephen left the call. there has been no progress ...we'll discuss this at the state meeting

d) Recreational Guidelines/Field Gear (ANSTF & WRP):

WRP Group on Field Gear (Tammy Davis): Tammy and Bob (co-leads) are working on compiling results of the survey. They will try to work with a larger group prior to the October meeting. The October Meeting will be a good time to get more input on this work group. Stephanie offered to help. The ANSTF Workgroup on Recreational Guidelines will not be focusing on field gear (see below), so it will be useful to continue the WRP working group.

ANS Recreational Guidelines Committee (Stephanie Carman): Tammy is the official WRP representative, but Stephanie gave the update since Tammy was unable to participate on the last call. The group divided into 6 subcommittees. Stephanie is leading the non-motorized boat subcommittee. Other recreational activities covered in the committees include: motorized boats, sea planes, angling, SCUBA, hunting. It was noted, that they are not covering field gear in these guidelines. The subcommittees expect to have draft guidelines to present at the November ANSTF Meeting

e) Triploid Carp (Panels committee) – This committee requested participation by a WRP panel member several years ago. Tom McMahon was selected as the WRP representative. Tom has inquired about this group several times, but they have not met yet.

f) Coastal Committee (WRP) – This committee is planning a second conference call. Kevin Anderson is the lead for this group (he left the call prior to this update)

g) Brochure (WRP) – No Update

h) Web Site (WRP) – No Update

- PCR Workgroup Report – This is an ISAC project right now and a PCR white paper outline has been in development

7) Next Call: Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 10 am MT, 9 am PT, 11 am Central

8) AIS Workshops for Assistant Attorneys General – The state representatives (Tom and Elizabeth) thought that these workshops would be useful, but the WRP doesn't currently have funding for this activity. Is there another source of funding that could be used for this? Is it a priority? We will discuss this on the next ex comm call.