

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

August 16th, 2019 at 2:30 pm mountain time

Attended by: (Elizabeth Brown, Martha Volkoff, John Wullschleger, Stephen Phillips, Erin Raney, Joanne Grady, Nate Owens, and Glenn Dolphin)

Agenda

- A) Approval of July minutes – **Nate motioned to approve minutes. John seconds. July minutes approved**

- B) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips
 - a. Hoping that the FY 20 Energy and Water Appropriation budget will be passed and signed by the president in September (similar to last year). That E&W bill is where the WRDA watercraft \$\$\$\$'s are located. RAWA hasn't seen much action... several bills will not see action until next year.

- C) Panel Business
 - a. QZAP 2.0 – Elizabeth Brown
Working to get final edits. Hoping by the WGA meeting there will be more concrete things used for crafting the document.
 - b. WRP Website – Mason Parker
The theme for the website has been purchased, and it is currently under construction. Looking for alternative to archive the minutes on the website. Hoping to have it up and running by the Annual Meeting, but should be accessible before in order to get feedback. There will be a survey sent out to the WRP concerning the contents of the website. Planning to send a draft copy of the survey to the Ex Comm before sending it out to all WRP members. Still looking for WRP related photos for the website.
 - c. Changes to Membership- Mason Parker
There were two changes to the membership. For Hawaii, Kimberly Fuller will be replacing Justin Goggins. Jeri Geiger is now representing Saskatchewan.

- D) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
 - a. 2019 Annual Meeting – Mason Parker
All sponsorship table have now been filled. Keynote speaker, Fred Allendorf, will be presenting on day two and Elizabeth's Year in Review has been moved to day one due to scheduling conflicts. There are 10 people signed up for the Train the Trainer workshop. With over 45 registered, the room blocks almost full. Putting out the call for a 2021 host and the Ex Comm election announcement on 8/26. We are going to send out member reports and update these, as well.
 - b. Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin liaison
Conference call scheduled for the 22nd.
 - c. Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Elizabeth liaison
Things are working well with communications.
 - d. Membership and Communication Committee – John Wullschleger

There was a discussion last week. There was conversation about general membership electing a vice chair every two years. Members could be elected by general or committee itself. There could be a bylaw change if there is going to be a change in how the chair and vice chair are elected. Could spend some time talking about this in Missoula. Those elected would have to agree to commit to four years. This is a fairly large commitment. Being chair and ex com member might be a stretch. There is a lot of work that goes into the position of chair. There is a tendency to be mussel-centric in this group. How can we optimize the panels? Adding to the Blank WRP Member Report: List any upcoming priorities and areas of focus in the coming year. It would help to see who can work together moving forward.

- e. Outreach Committee – Chair Allison Zach; Elizabeth liaison
Seaplane webinars will be given dates to be added to the monthly update. Member report could be used to shape some of the webinars. Seasons Sept. 10, education campaigns Sept. 24. Times TBD.

E) WRP Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons

- a. Building Consensus – Chair Joanne Grady
Stephanie Showalter Otts of the National Sea Grant Law Center is working on Phase IV of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service grant. Originally Phase IV was going to be workshopping the model law/regulations/MOU, but that was no longer needed. Phase IV is now a study of the overlap and gaps of multiple local jurisdictions in the Lower Colorado River. Project is scheduled to be completed by December 2019.
- b. eDNA Committee – Chair Adam Sepulveda; Nate liaison
Mississippi River Basin Panel want to get on the phone with WRP eDNA committee to look for coordination opportunities.
- c. Lab Committee
No updates
- d. Seaplane Inspection and Decontamination Committee – Chair Elizabeth Brown
Going to touch base in Missoula to see if there is any reason to carry on with committee.
- e. Fire Equipment Decontamination Procedures Committee – Chair Beth Bear; Nate liaison
Ran up against a wall in decision matrix on whether mud snail need to be included. Everyone is busy with field season, but as the annual meeting comes around this will be discussed again. Protocols concerning the significance of species should be less cumbersome. Would there be a change in the decom if methods if mud snails are included? There would be a change to the chemicals used. The guide may not be able to be generalized for the west, and there is need for multiple products based on the needs of states. Could be useful to have a WISCE conversation about mud snail. Mud snails and Asian carp are two species the people may like to work on though there are no resources currently. Could suggest forming a committee for mud snails and Asian carp to gauge interest.

F) ANSTF

- a. Workgroup Updates – On hold until further notice
- b. Current status of the coordination grant
Leah has been in touch with Susan, but there is currently no news.

G) Coordinating the Coordination update

- a. PNWER – Stephen Phillips - July 21-25 Saskatoon, SK
Meeting is in July next year in Big Sky, MT.
- b. NMMA/ABYC – Dennis Zabaglo
IBEX is happening. There will be an AIS booth. The WSAI committee is moving forward to do testing on ballast tank protocols and procedures. In three years, there will be a review of protocols and ABYC will decide if there should be a change. Presence at IBEX is important to connect with manufacturers about changes to future protocols.
- c. DOI Mussel Initiative – John Wullschleger
No updates.
- d. WGA - Elizabeth Brown – ZQM Forum August 27-28, Las Vegas
Still finalizing the Lower Colorado River session for the agenda. Wanting to put out list of attendees, agenda, and pre-work package by 8/20. Several reps from the Army Corps will be there. There are reports that everything is going to be ran out of Walla Walla.
- e. AFWA – Elizabeth Brown
No updates
- f. WAFWA – Elizabeth Brown
No updates.
- g. WISCE – Elizabeth Brown
Last meeting there were lots of question about what happened at Powell. In Utah, there is talk of developing an app to generate a unique code for each bow. The information would be entered for particular bots to help expedite the inspection process. Working through the concept for the new app with Istonish.
- h. WSIA – Elizabeth Brown

H) Announcements – ALL

Bob Wiltshire will be given an award. There are several frames to be used for a lifetime achievement award. Consider timing for presenting the award. Leah will present the award to Bob.