

Western Regional Panel Monthly Executive Committee Conference Call

May 24th, 2021 at 1:00 pm mountain time

Attended by: Barak Shemai, Stephen Phillips, Tom Woolf, Martha Volkoff, Monica McGarrity, Elizabeth Brown, John Wullschleger, Dennis Zabaglo, Allison Zach and Mason Parker

Minutes

- A) Approval of April minutes – **VOTE – Stephen Motions to Approve, Martha Seconds, all in favor. None opposed April Minutes are approved.**
- B) Legislative update – Stephen Phillips
- 28th the president budget comes out this week. The thing to watch right now is infrastructure discussions. Language nears 2020 outdoor restoration. Language is mentioned in Biden’s infrastructure document. Lake Tahoe Restoration Act was reintroduced and contains invasive species language.
- C) Panel Business
- Analysis of WRP states’ ANS outreach campaign effectiveness – Researcher Selection – Monica McGarrity
 - The process for selection was circulated in a document put together by Monica McGarrity to the Executive Committee. This project is an analysis of campaign effectiveness in the West. **Stephen Phillips motions to approve ISAN moving forward with the contract with Dr. Kyle. Dennis Zabaglo seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Motion is approved.**
 - QZAP 2.0 Action Items – Dennis Zabaglo
 - Tom, Mason, and Dennis met and discussed action items. There are several options for moving forward. The next QZAP leadership call will be Thursday and they will work on draft recommendations based on QZAP priorities.
 - Coordinating the Coordination – Mason Parker
 - Review of Regional partner’s doc
 - Mason will be changing up the Coordinating the Coordination portion of the agenda and he will be providing the updates, where it is fit.
- D) WRP Standing Committee – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons
- Annual Meeting Planning Team - Mason Parker
 - Attendance Survey will be launched at the beginning of June. Maybe leaning yes. Maybe Leaning no options will be added to the survey.
 - Coastal Committee – Chair Chris Scianni; Glenn Dolphin Liaison
 - Chris Scianni is on leave. They are in the final stages of putting together a handout for marine infrastructure biofouling.
 - Decontamination Think Tank Committee – Chair Robert Walters; Tom Woolf Liaison
 - Have not had a meeting yet. Will be considering the Decon Think Tank protocols soon.
 - Membership and Communication Committee – Chair John Wullschleger
 - Bylaws revision for 2021 Annual Meeting

- Going to assign tasks of WRP leadership and coordinator within SOPS as they are easier to change should things need to be altered.
- Outreach Committee – Chair Monica McGarrity; Allison Zach Liaison
 - The contract with Dr. Kyle was approved by Ex Comm. Mason Will reach out to Leah and send response to Ex Comm regarding the next steps in the research contract between ISAN and Dr. Kyle.

E) WRP Workgroup Updates – Roundtable for Chairs/Liaisons

- eDNA – Chair Adam Sepulveda; Martha Volkoff Liaison
 - No update
- Standing and Ad-Hoc Committee Participation Discussion
 - Prevention - Chair James Ballard; Barak Shemai Liaison
 - The protocols were moved on to the ANSTF. Robert is putting together a presentation. They are all but approved. They are waiting to organize a conference based on the outcomes of a law enforcement conference. The NOFO for
 - Early Detection and Rapid Response - Chair Wes Daniels, USGS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - They are going to be meeting with deputy commanders with opportunity to ask questions and answers. Currently exploring ICS.
 - Control and Restoration - Chair Kim Bogenschutz, Iowa and AFWA; Dennis Zabaglio
 - No update
 - Research - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - Still going through the result of the survey and identify research priorities. Attempting to identify a good day to meet next.
 - Education and Outreach – Tim Campbell, Wisconsin Sea Grant; Allison Zach
 - They are looking for Planning to have someone contracted next month. Going to be communicating with the contractor for the WRP, so make sure there is
 - Bylaws and Operations (Ad-Hoc) - Chair Susan Pasko, USFWS; John Wullschleger Liaison
 - No updates.

F) Coordinating the Coordination update

- PNWER – Stephen Phillips
 - Week of August 16th in Big Sky, MT. Contact Kate for additional information on PNWER.
- NAISMA – Allison Zach
 - Just finished NISAW II. It was all virtual. Currently prepping for Annual Meeting. They have received enough yes responses that it is viable for an in-person meeting with tech option. The Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers will be included with the Play, Clean, Go messaging. Looking to put together a virtual library for folks to teach a class on different elements of invasive species management. Writing letters in support of bills that include invasive species language.
- NMMA, ABYC, WSIA – Dennis Zabaglio
 - Reviewing UPMS protocols. Want to get Decon Think Tank and ABYC connected. Nothing dramatic will be changed in UMPS, what is in place works, and the industry can use the document.

- DOI Safeguarding the West – John Wullschleger
 - Had a meeting on May 6th. There was a moss ball presentation. Reported on progress with QZAP prioritization.
- ACOE (WRDA) - Stephen Phillips
 - Getting close to finishing a flowering rush agreement. Wala Wala has added a new staffer. Nevada and Wyoming are getting added in the next month. New staff at Wala Wala is looking for input from the invasive species world to travel around and educate on WRDA.
- WGA - NEED LIAISON
 - Bill Whitaker has left. There is no listing for the position. There is an intern currently filling in for Bill Whitacre. The policy director is the person to talk to concerning filling the invasive species position.
- AFWA – Dennis Zabaglo
 - AFWA sent a letter on rotenone part of a letter concerning review of pesticide treatment.
- WAFWA – Tom Woolf
 - No update. Tom will not be able to plug into WAFWA. With Mason spearheading coordination, he will update that.
- WISCE – Allison Zach
 - Seeing high numbers than usual. Dip tank was shut down for two weeks for engineering to make sure it is conducive for certain trailers.
- Great Lakes Panel - Used boat discussion - Tom Woolf
 - Idaho is going to put a CDD ad in boat trader online. This is up for discussion with the all panel meeting with the task force.

G) Announcements – ALL

- There is an action report on moss balls coming out. Comments are due Wednesday and then they will wrap it up.
- Barak is looking into how to audit certain applications to QZAP funding to make sure they align with QZAP priorities.