

**Western Association of RC&D Councils
Teleconference Board Meeting
October 13, 2004
7 p.m. MTN/8 p.m. CTL**

AGENDA

Present: Keith Kessler, Paul Calverly, Bruce Kroetch, Joe Leichtnam, Megan Phillips
Others: Ted Tietjen, Mike Williams

Call to Order – 7:00/8:00 p.m.

Approval of the Agenda

Minutes of the last meeting – posted on website & attached Joe made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting; Bruce seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Bruce needs to know if the per diem rate and mileage has changed with new government year.

Paul has submitted his voucher for the trip. Keith will submit his next week.

Account Balances

Checking \$5,648.21

Cash Management \$35684.03

Scholarship \$4239.44

CD \$31,640.44

Discussion regarding the ND annual meeting finances. Joe made a motion to accept the financial report; Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Nominating – Bruce: 1st VP & Treasurer Paul will not run; Bruce will run. Appoint Megan for nominating committee chair as Bruce is running for office.

Awards – Joe: Tie breaker categories

Site Selection – Bruce: NE unanimous vote to host 2006 annual meeting.

Discussion about Western Officer responsibilities – check the by-laws Keith suggested that Western look at the South regional conference planning format.

NE is asking for information and guidelines for planning.

NRCS is allotting \$5000/yr for 'training' to each state hosting a regional meeting.

Motion: NE will host 2006 Annual Meeting Joe made the motion; Bruce seconded. Motion carried.

Discussion continued about meeting planning and contacts.

Location: Kerney NE on I-80, January 21-25, 2006.

NE is requesting front money for meeting planning from Western Association.

Information & Marketing – Joe: Keith will call Roger to get link on website to registration.

Old Business

Drought Planning Handbook published and available.

Energy Committee meeting with NACD in Missoula.

Savannah Georgia meeting bulletin.

Keith: Caterpillar put up 12k to help pay for the leadership forum as a match to corporate partners. Board members are asked to contact other corporate sponsors to make match. Regional committees should be structured to match/parallel National committees. Each of the regional members would be sponsored by their region and those monies would count toward matching funds.

New Business

National Association Hall of Fame –1st nominee: Mary Seccombe. Bruce made a motion to nominate Mary as candidate for Hall of Fame; Joe seconded. Motion carried.

2nd nominee: not selected

December 15, 2004 deadline for nominations. Paul made a motion to support the nominees in attending National Leadership Forum. Joe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

New Conference Call Number –

The Western Association has permission to use the Colorado teleconference line that supports up to 20 callers. This service is being provided gratis through the State Conservationist's office and particularly through

Randy Randall - Program Manager.
Randy Randall randy.randall@co.usda.gov 720-544-2803
Allen Green, State Conservationist
Randy Randall, Program Manager
655 Parfet Street, Room E200C
Lakewood, CO

The call number is 1-866-732-9373 Access code: 669817

Joe reported that he had inquired about getting a conference line and found the cost to be .31/minute/person with a toll free number. This call would have cost \$2.17/minute for a total of 95 minutes=\$206.15

Adjourn 8:35/9:35 p.m.