

Georgia Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals
Board Meeting
May 2, 2019
Sweetwater Creek State Park, Lithia Springs, GA

Board Members

James Morgan – President	NE District Director: Mike Abney
Karol Kelly – Past President	NW District Director: Kim Toal
Jessica Warren – President Elect	SW District Director: Doug Collins
Heather Kolich – Secretary	SE District Director: Ashley Hoppers
Stephanie Butcher- Treasurer	State Staff Director: Nick Fuhrman
Anne Randle – AM Presentations Coordinator	State Staff Director: Bryan Fluech
Kim Toal – AM Poster Coordinator	

Members present: Kim Toal, James Morgan, Doug Collins, Kevin Livingston, Ashley Hoppers, Karol Kelly, Stephanie Butcher, Becky Griffin, Alecia Holloway, Richard Evans, Josie Davis, Kelli Cody, Paul Pugliese, Amanda Tedrow, Heather Kolich, (by phone) Bryan Fluech & Jessica Warren

Call to Order

James Morgan called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Paul Pugliese made a motion to approve the minutes, Karol seconded it, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Reports of Officer and Committees

Treasurer

Stephanie Butcher gave treasurer report as of April 30, 2019 and provided handout. February report balance was \$5215.93; April 30 balance was \$7894.36 after conference payments and expenses to date.

Membership report: We have 19 Georgia members on record. Some went through National ANREP registration; these people need to send her an email that they registered.

Paul made motion to approve reports; seconded and approved by vote.

Strategic Planning

Bryan Fluech has reached out to PSO unit Fanning Institute to help guide a fall meeting addressing growth and direction of Georgia ANREP. Unit suggested holding the meeting on the Athens campus – a half-day to full-day workshop. Point person will be Maritza Soto Keen. They will help with agenda starting with a conference call to identify goals. They are also willing to share resources with us. James suggested combining this with the fall board meeting; Paul suggested holding a Zoom meeting to include more members.

Jessica Warren, Bryan Fluech, Kevin Livingston, and Paul Pugliese agreed to serve on the Strategic Planning Committee.

Website

Doug, Karol and James will continue trying to set up a Zoom meeting with Richie Bramen to move the website forward with changes and updates. Paul reported we still have a presence on the old ANREP website, but the platform limits changes.

Conference

Kim Toal reported on the issues with effort to roll-out online payment for this conference; everything was set up to accept payments through PayPal, but UGA secure website eliminated PayPal use just before conference registration opened. Will explore using EventBrite next year.

Nominating

As past president, Karol Kelly is chair; she will recruit nominating committee members and ask for nominations in August. Election will be electronic ballot and will be open for one month. Each leadership position is a 2-year term with option to serve a second term.

Leadership update: Kim Toal is rotating off as NW District Director; Stephanie is stepping down as treasurer; will need president-elect to follow Jessica Warren; Doug, Michael, and Bryan are eligible to run again for their positions.

Unfinished Business

Location of 2020 GA ANREP conference. Resolved: Athens, GA

Conference Updates

Future Ga ANREP conferences

- 2020 Conference – Athens, GA. Amanda will work with new agent; has suggestions for tours
- 2021 Conference – Augusta, Savannah, and Newton were suggested. With Bryan offering support and ideas for sites and tours, **Savannah** prevailed. Richard Evans (Bryan County) and Ashley Hoppers (Liberty County) will help. As president-elect, Jessica will lead.

2020 National ANREP Conference, Oregon

- 2020 National Conference in Sun River, Oregon, May 3 to 6, 2020. Several people expressed interest in going. Jessica will check into available funds to assist with travel.

JCEP Update, Feb. 5-7, 2019, San Antonio, TX

James attended; many workshop and small break-out sessions for ANREP. 2020 conference will be in same place in early February. Past president and president are top pick to attend, but others may be asked to go if they can't go. It is a leadership conference with opportunities for agent presentations; some travel funds are available. Paul pointed out that this meeting is not mandatory, and the president may choose to allocate more travel funds to the National

meeting.

PILD/JCEP

- **April 14-17, 2019, Washington, DC** – Doug and James attended. Congress was in recess; they met mostly with aides this year. Georgia had a large delegation with representation from all professional association and ESP. Dr. Laura Perry Johnson and Rachael Santos also attended. James will assume duties as JCEP chair within next few weeks.
- **PILD/JCEP 2020, April 5-8**
Congress will be in session. Funding available: \$500 stipend per person plus funding from Dr. Johnson's office. Typical out-of-pocket is \$500 for recent attendees.

Other Business

- Increase awards for conference poster and oral presentation. Currently \$75, \$50, \$25. Kevin reported conferences are netting gains of \$1500-2000; increased awards may draw increased participation. After discussion, Kevin made motion to double current awards; Stephanie seconded, motion passed unanimously.
- Other fundraisers will be part of strategic planning workshop in fall.
- Kelli Cody suggested that offering Project Wet/Wild training as pre-conference event would increase 4-H participation. Paul countered with offering 4-H Forestry Judging Coach Certification training; suggestion made to follow-up training with a conference tour dedicated to collecting specimens for use in teaching students. After general agreement, Paul and Mary Carol will work with Craven Hudson to get the training added to the Extension Training System in September.

Attendees thanked Kevin for hosting the conference. Heather Kolich made motion to adjourn meeting; seconded and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

The minutes were prepared and submitted by Heather Kolich, GA-ANREP Secretary, June 13, 2019.