

July 8 2014

Western **Executive Committee** Call Draft Notes  
5:35 pm MDT

Susie opened the call. Roll call indicated Susie Klein, Joyce Mick and Sharon Pratt were in attendance. Pam Gouse was excused. There were no agenda changes made. There was discussion regarding the June Secretary's report followed by discussion of the Treasurer's report sent out by Joyce Mick. Joyce is waiting for Joe's expenses to complete the Western Conference report.

Discussed processes for meeting agenda, minutes and Treasure's report.

5:45 pm MDT: Joe present. Joe thanked Susie for stepping in as Acting President for the Western and National Conferences. He updated the Executive committee on the 2015 South Dakota Conference to be January 11-13, 2015 in Rapid City.

There was discussion on the need for chair position for Nominations Committee and possibly Finance. Joyce may be able to take on Finance, Clyde Hanson will Chair the Site Selection Committee. Need to affirm that Bobbie will chair the Awards Committee.

Discussion on location of National 2016 indicated that California is interested or maybe Washington D.C. The National teleconference call should be in September or October. Susie will send dates when she knows what they are.

Discussion on teleconference attendance. Are all Councils receiving emails? Are addresses correct? Is there a better date or time? Pam working on survey that will be sent out via Survey Monkey asking those questions.

**WRCDA Board of Directors Open Meeting Notes**

**NOTE:** Please Review – *The following may not be entirely accurate. There was incredibly terrible feedback during the call and it was very difficult to catch everything, either in person or in reviewing the recording.*

6:07 Roll Call – Taken by Susie Klein  
Susie Klein, North Plains RC&D, ND  
Joe Leichtnam, North Central RC&D, SD  
Joyce Mick Panhandle RC&D, NE  
Susan Davis, ND  
Sharon Pratt, West Central Highlands RC&D ID  
Alan MT (for Pam)

David Newlin, Little Colorado River Plateau RC&D, AZ

Agenda : Motion by Joyce Mick to approve adding 2016 Western conference to the agenda. Second by Clyde Hanson. Motion carried.

Susie Klein turned the meeting over to the new officers. Western officers for coming year are: Joe Leichtnam, President, Susie Klein 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Pam Gouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Sharon Church-Pratt Secretary and Joyce Mick Treasurer.

Susie proceeded to lead as Joe was calling from work and did not have the agenda.

**Survey Monkey:** A survey by is being developed by Pam Gouse and will be sent soon. The survey is to determine the best days/times for these calls.

**Treasures Report:** Joyce Mick, waiting for final reimbursement requests. Joyce received dues from four Councils for 2013, a partial payment and ten Councils for 2014 in April, May and June. Reimbursements approved for travel to the Western Conference in Alabama have been paid to Pam and Susie. Joe's is pending receipt of expenses.

*Motion to approve the audit was made by Alan, MT, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Davis, ND. Motion carried.*

**NARCDC/Western Conference Report:** Those attending reported on an excellent conference and thanked Alabama for a great time. Great speakers and work shop sessions had great content. Alabama was a great host and the Conference was well prepared and planned.

**Committee Reports:**

Nominations/Elections: Western needs a new Nominations Committee Chair as Bruce Kroetch has resigned

Scholarship: There were no applications for 2014. The amount is \$500. Deadline for 2015 applications is August and must be sent to Joe. Joe will post on Facebook and contact Laura Dodd to have it posted on the website.

Awards: No report

Fundraising: No report

2015 Western Conference Planning: To be January 11-13, 2015 in Rapid City. Should have great hotel/motel rates, discounts on meeting rooms. Review of draft timeline.

**Other Concerns, Opportunities and Challenges :**

Clyde Hanson, Clearwater RC&D, Idaho, next meeting July 24. "Save the Date".....??

Alan – are state organizations discussing and sharing their projects to get/give ideas, how they are getting funding, etc

Susan Davis –

Susie Klein – Remind that the Western conference was late this year. Usually in January.

Joe Leichtnam: Be thinking about being an officer of Western. Susie is termed out and there will be an opening for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. There will be an election for Treasurer as well.

Issue with using the current conference numbers/line. Too much feedback to understand and hear clearly. Please check on who might have conferencing ability and a clear line. Susie mentioned the National option and will check with Andy. Joe will check with NRCS.

Joyce Mick – In their 15<sup>th</sup> year working on a gathering/tour(?), listed in the top 100 tours and sites. Funded by grants, advertising on Facebook and their website.

Alan – Black Hills (????) has two watershed projects. Working with a Water Development District. Can be a pass through and charge an admin fee.

Susie Klein – Little Pumpkin Patch get 5%

Joyce Mick – Administering for four different entities and charging admin. Offer bookkeeping, internet, etc, Councils need to determine what can do and what the entities want done.

Clyde Hanson – Clearwater RC &D advertises that they are a 501c3, how can help. Are fiscal sponsors for several large grants, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, charging 10%. Took on a couple of projects from Panhandle Lakes RC&D. Have increased Drew to ¾ time.

August meeting date set for 8/12/2015.

6:45pm MDT meeting adjourned.

### **State Updates:**