This conference call was organized to discuss a particular issue: As FL-EPPC is tentatively planned to host the 2004 Symposium, they asked SE-EPPC to reconsider its policy for Symposium sharing.

**Budget Committee Report, Bob Parrish**

- Current policy (in place since 2000): net revenue is shared between hosting state chapter and SE-EPPC (75% goes to SE; 25% goes to State);
- Florida’s suggestion is to reverse the ratio with the larger portion going to the hosting state chapter. Their reasons for this suggestion are as follows: 1) Original intent of policy was to allow SE to build assets, which it has achieved ($18,000+); 2) Florida has various budget obligations that may not be met with current policy;
- FL has asked that this be addressed as soon as possible because it may affect their decision to host next year’s Symposium; FL current account: $54,000
- Dan Brown, Susie Morton, Tony Pernas, Bob Parrish and Brian Bowen met, as the budget committee, to discuss this proposal, considering the following:
  - Currently, the annual Symposium is the only revenue gained by SE EPPC, as the $5 membership fee passes through SE and goes to Wildland Weeds;
  - Projections based on last three years’ budgets showed that FL’s alternative would result in deficit spending;
  - We had planned to start funding some grants, etc. to start furthering our mission (not included in past three years’ budgets)
- The committee proposes to the BOD three alternatives: Leave policy as is; Adopt FL’s alternative; Or change the ratio to 50:50 (this would apply to KY as well since the books are not officially closed)
  - The third alternative would result in $5-7,000 per year for the state chapter and for SE-EPPC; This would provide growth for both, and would be better incentive for states to host;

**General Discussion**

- **Brian:** It is a lot of work for states to host, however, the SE-EPPC name does bring in sponsorship money for symposia, and some board members thought a
50:50 split was too generous to state chapters; 60:40 (60% to SE and 40% to the state) would be more progressive and allow for more revenue for SE-EPPC

- **Johnny:** a 50:50 split was suggested early on, but was decided against.
- **Jack:** We could try the 50:50 split with a qualifier that we check back in three years to determine the success of policy change.
- **Mike** felt that Fl would accept 50:50 or 60:40
- There was discussion of whether this policy change would be a one-time change, or something that would continue. **Bob:** Although the board has the power to make a one-time change, it would be fairer and less complicated for the board to pick something that will last for a while.

*It was motioned by Tony Pernas that a 50:50 ratio be proposed to FL.*
*Motion was seconded by Jack Ranney.*
*Motion was defeated (5:3).*

*It was motioned by Charles Bryson that a 60:40 ratio be proposed to FL (60% to SE and 40% to the state).*
*Motion was seconded by Mike Bodle.*
*Motion was unanimously accepted.*

- The 2004 Symposium is planned for either Destin or Pensacola in May or June (decision will be made by FL-EPPC within the next month)
- Robin has offered to coordinate the section of the webpage advertising weed-related jobs; The board was asked to forward to her anything appropriate for posting.

*Meeting Adjourned.*