

SE EPPC Conference Call

August 21, 2003

Participants:

- Brian Bowen, President
- Kristen Allen, Secretary
- Robin Roecker, SC EPPC Representative
- Jack Ranney, TN EPPC Representative
- Tony Pernas, Treasurer
- Bob Parrish, Budget Committee Chair
- Mike Bodle, FL EPPC Representative
- Johnny Randall, NC EPPC Proxy
- Dan Brown, Past President
- Charles Bryson, MS EPPC Representative

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.