

**Western Regional Panel
Executive Committee
Minutes
Thursday, August 15, 2008**

Members Present: Andy Burgess, Amy Ferriter, Jason Goeckler, Eileen Ryce, John Wullschleger, Karen McDowell, Tina Proctor

Members Absent: Billie Kerans, Lynn Schlueter

1. Proposals

There were five proposals received this year. Eileen was surprised because there were many more interested people who called her. Eileen will send the proposals to the membership today with a scoring sheet and she will collate them for the meeting. Due date will be September 2nd and we will have an EC phone call on Sept. 4th to review scores if necessary. (Note: the EC met before the business meeting in Ft. Collins after people at the meeting got a chance to vote also).

2. Fill Coastal/Academic Research Position

Paul Olin resigned from this position and we received three nominations: Kevin Anderson nominated Jeff Adam, Washington Sea Grant Program; Paul Olin nominated Jodi Cassell, U of California Sea Grant Program; and Susan Ellis nominated Susan Frisch Zaleski, U of Southern California Sea Grant Program. We will have elections at the meeting. (Note: Because we didn't get the CV's out to the membership before the meeting, it was decided at the business meeting to let the Executive Committee make the decision.)

3. Other positions

We still need to fill the following positions:

Coastal conservation

USDA/APHIS

Western Aquatic Plant Management Society