MEETING NOTES

Attendees:

In person: Anjanette Steer, Owen Means, Joe Christopher, Mack Salway, Luke Gasek, Simon Wigren, Emily Creely

On phone: Lorene Lynn, Christy Everett, Steve Reidsma

Reviews/Updates

• Mitigation policy - Should we document our recommendations and send to Corps? Discussion, no action.

• Mitigation Policy - Governor Walker has written to President Trump asking for an exemption from mitigation for the AK LNG project. The group generally did not agree with the measure and think we should contact National to get guidance on best way to respond.
  
  o Action Item: Joe will contact national SWS to discuss.

• Sedge Class: SWS is sponsoring 4 seats for the class - 2 students and 2 current SWS members. The Alaska Native Plant Society is holding 4 spots for us - 3 spot for the July 11-13th class, 1 spot for the July 15-17 class. We will determine the spots the following way:

  • Students: We will make a flyer and post at UAF, UAA and APU. Students will submit their names to us and on a certain date we will do a drawing to determine who is selected. In addition to attending the class, students will also get a student-rate membership to SWS and will commit to sharing what they learned to the Alaska Chapter.

  o Current SWS members: Preference will be given to those members that are actively seeking certification as a Wetland Professional in Training or as a Professional Wetland Scientist.

  o Action items: Emily will make flyer and send to Steve Reidsma, Anjanette Steer; Steve will post at UAF; Anjanette will post at UAA.
Emily will send a copy to an APU professor to post there. Emily will ensure money goes to ANPS

- Financials: Emily shared that there is over $8,000 in the chapter account. It was discussed that we could raise money. One idea that would both raise money, and fulfill the need for trainings is to either complement other existing trainings, or provide our own completely. Ideas included having Carolyn Parker as an in-state instructor for botany; offering our assistance (and raise money) to the Wetland Training Institute, Richard Chinn, or other training taking place in Alaska; training people on the 2007 manual.
  - Action item: Simon will contact SWS national to see if they have any guidance and then they will identify pros/cons of these ideas and share at next meeting. We may need to consult legal to determine how to do this properly.
  - Joe mentioned teaming with Alaska Miners Association in some fashion to market SWS and draw in new members.

- Corps Manual Update: The Corps is working on an update and the idea of peer reviewing was brought up.
  - Action item: Lorene will speak with Jacob Berkowitz at ERDC and determine the timeline of the update and if SWS peer reviewing would be feasible.

Next Steps

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- Steve will post flyer at UAF
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- Simon will contact SWS national to see if they have any guidance regarding SWS trainings and then he will identify pros/cons of these ideas and share at next meeting.
- Lorene will speak with Jacob Berkowitz and determine the timeline of the update and if SWS peer reviewing would be feasible.