

**Eastern ACPE Region
Executive Committee Teleconference
January 8, 2004
10:00 – 11:10 am**

Present: Al Lumpkin, chair; Beth Glover, John Pumphrey, Harlan Ratmeyer, Cornel Rempel, Jack Gleason (ex officio)
Excused: Robin Franklin

Al invited members to check in, and concerns were respectfully heard.

Minutes of the August 1, 2003 teleconference were reviewed and approved.

In response to the minutes Al reported that there was little interest in a mid-winter ExNE executive committee retreat. The plan is to have a breakfast meeting of the two bodies during the ExNE annual conference in Portland, ME. With regard to the possibility of some degree of integration of the two regions' RD functions at the end of Jack's term, Al noted, with Jack's concurrence, a lack of energy for such a task. Cornel observed that any further initiatives would best come from the Northeast Region.

Beth reported no responses yet from Al's recent e-mail announcement of the search for a new RD to begin work January 1, 2005. The merging of current budget lines for RD stipend, travel, telephone, hospitality and office as both more congruent with the nature of a contractor's role and also more attractive to applicants was affirmed.

The vacancy in the editorship of the regional newsletter was brought into the discussion of the role and expectations for the next RD. Jack noted that the typical pattern is for the RD to also be the editor of the newsletter, and expressed his strong sense that the next RD should be the newsletter publisher, if not editor. As the region moves back to a more traditional arrangement, the addition of the current information services stipend and expense lines to the RD package will add to its attractiveness as well.

Beth and her RD search committee will ask for resumes and statements of the applicants' perceived gifts and hopes for the RD task preliminary to interviewing.

Al will communicate our appreciation to Denise Haines for her outstanding job as newsletter editor. Jack will contact Bill Gaventa, ExNE annual conference co-chair, regarding Denise's willingness to do some mailings, and The RD search committee will also make use of this option to get the word out. Jack will institute an e-mail mini-newsletter format for this and other important regional communications as an interim measure.

John will send an e-mail reminder to region members that REM scholarships are still available for its February conference.

The question of student scholarships for the ExNE annual conference was also raised but not pursued.

John expects to obtain the services of the ACPE's and Southeast Region's auditor for the 2003 regional audit.

Friday July 30, 2004 was reconfirmed as the next date for an Executive Committee teleconference, and Friday April 2 and Friday October 8 were reconfirmed as the two Administrative Board meetings' dates in 2004, both to take place at The HealthCare Chaplaincy.

Al declared the meeting adjourned.

Jack Gleason
Note Taker