



Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 3, 2015

Re: SER MWGL Board Meeting

Location: Teleconference

Issue Date: March 3, 2015

Submitted By: Joe Di Misa

In Attendance: Jen Lyndall
Todd Aschenbach
Rocky Smiley
Steve Glass
Laura Jackson
Joe DiMisa
John Shuey
Roger Anderson
Young Choi

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- No March Board of Directors call.
- January 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. Roger motion to approve. Todd seconded. All in favor-minutes are approved. Year in minutes was changed to 2015.
- SER Restructuring Update. SER is trying to align board configuration and chapter configurations. SER prior was comprised independent of chapter memberships. SER will circulate the issues and solution idea document soon. Chapter leader input is welcome but general SER membership comments not welcome as of yet. Possible reconfiguration of chapter boundaries (mainly for those that straddle state or country boundaries). No timeline established right now. Synchronizing of chapter branding is underway as well. The big change is our name should be SER-MWGL. Rocky expressed concern about chapter identity independence.
- Webinar Planning. First quarterly webinar will be simulcast of opening plenary and keynote speech at our Chicago Chapter Meeting. This meets a 5 year strategic plan goal. Jen to coordinate with the Chicago Botanic Garden audiovisual specialist to confirm this. Rocky will be sending a registration announcement soon and will include announcing the simulcast.

Roger is working with the Tallgrass Prairie and Oak Savannah Fire Consortium (TPOS) on a future shared webinar. Much of this regards prairie burns, fire ecology, etc.

- Business Meeting. Saturday of the chapter conference. Time is tight-each presenter should talk five minutes or less. Send all business meeting slides to Jen ahead of time.

- Committee Reports.
 - a. Annual Meeting (Rocky). Compiling annual meeting program by this Thursday and program will go to press late next week. The budget has been approved. Also, April 1st to 3rd is approved for the Indiana meeting in 2016. \$600 more received since the board vote in sponsorships for a total of \$6,750 sponsorship pledges. Deficit reduced to \$1,100. Better budget situation than the previous board vote. As of today 105 people registered. Might surpass 150 registrants. \$176 in donations for student grants have been received. Jen asks all board members to email her about if you will attend so that the board can sign conflict of interest statements. Forestry Suppliers and Island Press books have committed to contribute to drawing or auction.
 - b. Communications (Lauren) - Blog is up and running. Another blog post coming soon.
 - c. Membership (Joe). Current number of members is 274. SER National sent an email to all SER National members in Iowa inviting them to join the chapter. One person joined in response. Laura Jackson is also promoting the chapter and getting her students to sign up. The retweet promotion for three free conference registrations ended Feb 28. Response was: 32 retweets from 20 unique tweeters. Winners were notified yesterday. Joe will be delivering a chapter 2014 membership report at the chapter conference lunch business meeting. If anyone encounters undeliverable email addresses for chapter members-let Joe know so that he can coordinate the problem with SER National.
 - d. Subregional and State Activities (Don). No updates from Don. Mike Enright not on call. Rocky, Joe, and Mike Enright are working on the Ohio 2nd year mini-event-likely to be held in Dayton with strong assistance from Five Rivers MetroParks. Thursday October 1, 2015 is being considered. The meeting will be field trips to four restoration sites in the Dayton area. The group might ask for funding later in the year to offset costs for food and transportation. The board asked if we considered a Friday or Saturday. The Ohio team will decide on the date, concept, and location and issue it to the board for an email vote in the next few weeks so we can announce it at the Chicago conference.
 - e. Board Development (Todd). Slate sent to all members-29 responses received so far. Reminder will be sent out. Deadline for receiving votes is March 13. Rocky stated that the instructions could be clearer. Write-ins are allowed.
 - f. Awards (Lauren). - Student research award and best oral/poster presentation is being reviewed. Recognition of outgoing officers should be included.

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- Treasurer's Report (Dan). No report.