



Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: July 30, 2015

Re: SER MWGL Board Meeting

Location: Teleconference

Issue Date: July 30, 2015

Submitted By: Todd Aschenbach

In Attendance: Roger Anderson
Todd Aschenbach
Becky Dolan
Mike Enright
Steve Glass
Jen Lyndall
Katrina Punzel
Lauren Umek

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- June 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. Minor edits on draft by Jen on annual meeting and awards update. Todd motion to approve. Mike seconded. All in favor-minutes are approved.
- SERI updates (Jen) SERI still working to fill Executive Director and Membership Chair positions. SERI hired a contractor to assist with the global restructuring. Global restructuring should not have an impact on our chapter. A couple of potential changes: SERI may appoint a Chapter liaison to communicate with regional chapters; SERI may organize a meeting in North America in addition to international and chapter meetings. Todd: concerned that a third meeting may dilute regional attendance at chapter meetings. More discussion to follow as the restructuring comes to fruition.
- Committee Reports.
 - a. Annual Meeting (Jen). Survey of 2015 meeting attendees was distributed to Board Members for review (people want coffee!); Anna Groves from Michigan State University won the free registration for the Indiana meeting in 2016; In order to generate further interest in continuing education credits for meeting participation, topical information on our annual meeting will need to be distributed sooner than later.
 - b. Communications (Jen/Lauren). Todd will bring display a SER-MWGL poster at the SERI meeting in Manchester, UK; Blog posts are underway. The survey of the 2015 meeting attendees will be posted to the blog; Jen invited Board Members to

access our Dropbox account. Members are invited to post information (please do not delete info). Contact Jen for Dropbox access issues.

- c. Membership. No updates
- d. Board Development (Jen/Todd). Julia Bohnen resigned from her position as MN Rep. The Board will need to appoint a replacement. Nominations are encouraged from all Board members. We will need an interim committee member to represent MN on the state activities committee.
- e. Awards (Lauren). - Practice Award, Research Award. Working on finalizing the request for proposals. The RFP will be distributed in fall to encourage more applicants.
- f. Webinar Planning (Roger/Jen). Webinar on mesophication of oak forests by Craig Meyer and Greg Nowacki of US Forest Service (Milwaukee) should occur in September 2015; Jen is working on the next webinar with the Interagency Ecological Restoration Quality Committee; Potential webinars: NOAA's Restoration Center in Ann Arbor, MI to discuss Great Lakes Restoration Initiative projects and/or invasive species control by US Army Corp of Engineers (Buffalo, NY) or Ecology and Environment.
- g. Subregional and State Activities (Mike). The official flyer for the Ohio event to be held in Dayton, OH on Oct. 1. The flyer will be completed soon and distributed to chapter members. The event will include tours of different restoration (wetland, forest, prairie) sites as well as a social event in the evening.
- Treasurer's Report (Jen). SER-MWGL will have to renew its non-profit status through Indiana (a quick and easy renewal).