



MIDWEST-GREAT LAKES CHAPTER SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION INTERNATIONAL

Second Business Meeting
at the First Annual Chapter Conference
Marian College – Indianapolis, IN
April 25, 2009

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Rocky Smiley (Organizing Committee Co-Chair) at 8:00am.

Loren Bertocci, Dean of the School of Mathematics and Sciences welcomed the MWGL-SER chapter to Marian College.

Rocky reviewed the agenda for the business meeting. Young Choi asked that an additional agenda topic be added to discuss the location of the 2nd annual chapter conference. Rocky stated that if time allowed, we would discuss that at the end.

Election Results:

Sean Clausen volunteered to organize the election subcommittee that was set up for the first election of officers for the chapter. The election results are as follows:

Chapter Officers:

President	Peter “Rocky” Smiley
Vice President	Jen Lyndall
Secretary	Carl Wodrich
Treasurer	Hua Chen

State Representatives:

Ohio	Cody Fleece
Indiana	Bob Barr
Michigan	Bob Grese
Illinois	Geoff Morris
Wisconsin	Pamela Rice
Minnesota	Jason Husveth

At-Large (4):

Dave Benson	Cara Hardesty
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**Due to a tie, an additional vote is required to fill the two remaining At-Large board positions. Sean asked that everyone please take a ballot and return it to the registration table to cast your vote.*

Student Representatives (2):

Katherine Martin
Justin Kapitan

Membership/Financial Report:

Jen Lyndall gave a report of the finances and the membership.

In FY08 we had 21 members join the chapter and we earned \$250.00.
In FY09 we had 90 members join the chapter and we earned \$8,001.00. Of these funds, \$5,250.00 was from sponsorships for the meeting, \$1,751.00 was from registration and memberships.

The budget for this annual conference/meeting was set at \$6,000.00.

Bylaws Review and Discussion:

The DRAFT bylaws were distributed via the listserv for review prior to the meeting. Rocky explained that the bylaws needed to be approved by a vote of the members to be official.

Rocky gave a basic overview of the layout of the bylaws with a PowerPoint presentation.

A question was raised regarding membership and whether it was rolling versus renewal being required on January 1st of each calendar year regardless of when you joined the chapter. *Answer by Jen Lyndall was that it is a rolling membership, the same as SER International membership.*

A question was also raised with regards to what the specific duties are for the state and at-large board members. Consensus of those present at the meeting was that specific duties for these board positions needs to be added to the bylaws in addition to the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Rocky reviewed the standing committees as outlined in the DRAFT bylaws and explained the ad-hoc committees. Jen Lyndall clarified that the Sub-Regional subcommittee was set-up to coordinate and communicate and ensure that the chapter is not duplicating efforts of other groups.

Rocky reviewed elections and voting procedures. Jen Lyndall recommended that for all subsequent elections and ballots that a short bio for each of the nominees is included because not everyone from the different states in the chapter will know everyone.

John Shuey asked whether or not we should or can vote for their state only or if the members could vote for all state representatives on the ballot. Some individuals thought that it would be difficult and time consuming to limit the voting for the elections committee. Others stated that while they reside in one state, they may work across more than one state and should be allowed to vote for all state representatives.

A proposal was made to allow all members to vote on all state representatives and the vote of those in attendance passed that proposal unanimously.

Rocky reviewed the paragraph in the bylaws outlining membership meetings and explained that the organizing committee thought that the business meetings should only be in the bylaws and not the annual conference.

Rocky reviewed the paragraph regarding amendments to the bylaws.

Cara Hardesty brought up the question of awards and whether we should have a standing committee for service and student travel awards. There was some discussion about whether or not a standing committee or an ad-hoc committee would be more appropriate. A proposal was made to convene an ad-hoc committee for awards. The proposal was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52am.