



Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: April 25, 2017

Re: SER MWGL Board Meeting

Location: Conference call

Issue Date: May 22, 2017

Submitted By: Steve Glass

In Attendance: Zach Pitman Chris May
 Keith Summerville Mathew Dornbush
 Martha Holzheuer Ron Bowen
 Chris Lenhart Joe DiMisa
 Kimberly Draeger Steve Glass
 Lara Rokatnetez Mike Lemke
 Mary Damm

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Board Roll Call
- Approved February 2017 Board conference call minutes.
- Debriefed on 2017 Annual Meeting.
- State Activities Committee Report—Mike Lemke briefed board on planned social event at the annual gathering of the Illinois Native Plant Society June 2-4 at Augustana College. SER MWGL will have a presence at the meeting and Mike will be the chapter host. Chapter members have been invited via blog posts and other social media outlets.
- Report on the request from chapter member in Illinois for SER MWGL to sign on as a “friend” to the March for Science. Because of the short notice of the request, Steve referred the matter to the Executive Committee for discussion. The ExCom declined to endorse the Springfield event. ExCom decided that although the March for Science was an obvious ally and otherwise an each choice, it would be best not to set a precedent because the chapter does not have a process for reviewing such requests nor a policy for judging which requests for advocacy are appropriate and which are not. Recommended that the chapter form an ad hoc committee for developing a process to review advocacy requests and a policy on which to judge the appropriateness of such requests.
- Will send an email ballot to the Board members asking if they favor formation of such a committee.

