

Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: August 29, 2016 Re: SER MWGL Board Meeting
Location: Teleconference Issue Date: September 28, 2016
Submitted By: Jessica Miller
In Attendance: Todd Aschenbach Mathew Dornbush
Dan Larkin Jessica Miller
Steve Glass Martha Holzheuer
Laura Rokenetz Brad Gordon
Lauren Umek Matt Simmons
Rocky Smiley Chris May

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Board Roll Call
- June 30, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. Dan motioned to approve. Jessica seconded. All in favor; minutes are approved. Minutes will be posted to Dropbox.
- Board Contact Info: List to be updated by all members. Will be located on Dropbox. Link to Dropbox location and invitation to share has been sent to all board members. If you did not receive this invitation, let Steve know so he can resend.
- Update on North American Coordinating Body (NACB): (Chris, Steve). Representation on Body is a subset of the Chapters Relations Committee. Host 2020 Conference in Quebec City. Two questions to answer. Are we supportive of the conference-Yes. Co-hosting? No. Why? Because of location. If the conference were being held in the mid-Atlantic our chapter would be more apt to host. We could provide 2-4 board members to help with the planning. Do not think our chapter should cancel our meeting, however, maybe schedule meeting in the West in the spring.
 - What are the upsides to co-hosting the meeting
 - Why was June chosen, attendance would be questionable because of field season
 - What is the difference between co-hosting and contributing to meeting?
 - Will co-hosting have financial obligations?
 - Steve to get clarification from SER Board
 - Steve to send out email ballot
 - Would be better to wait for Chicago meeting in 2024 for our Chapter to become more involved in the NAM
 - There is a worry that adding too many conferences could hurt attendance. Would be good for us to combine our meeting with these when we can. Maybe 1-2 days before the larger meeting. Lots of agreement from other board members on this idea. Could be a financial advantage to having the regional chapters meeting with a field trip and social before the larger meeting.

- Proposed SER North American 2020 Conference: Quebec City.
- Committee Reports.
 - Communications (Jen). Blog postings going well-a couple a month. Facebook and Twitter traffic is good. Looking for Blog Contributors.
 - Membership (Joe): Two new members. 251 total members. Outreach to National Members and webinar attendees.
 - State Activities (Chris May). Becky Dolan organizing urban bio blitz in Indianapolis. Buffer Symposium Sept 16-17 in St. Paul, MN. Upper Midwest Invasive Species Conference Oct17-19 in Wisconsin. 12th Annual Great Lakes Restoration Conference will be held in Sandusky, Ohio September 20-22.
 - SER MWGL member event at North American Prairie Conference in July went well. Mike Lemke is working on Student Newsletter Concept write ups prototypes, streaming videos.
 - Annual Meeting (Rocky). 2017 Meeting, going to engage committee soon. Draft of Save the Date ready for review. Save the Date should be going out in the beginning of September. Release call for Workshops and Symposia in Oct. Contributors for oral and poster presentations will occur in Nov. Rocky has only received one 2018 proposal for an annual meeting from the University of WI-Stevens Point Natural Resources Program and the Lake Extension Group. Will send out the proposal for review. Waiting for a possible second proposal from Iowa.
 - Board Development (Todd). No Update.
 - Webinars (Jessica). Working on Nursery Webinar. Looking to finish year out with this one and maybe one other.
 - Publications (Rocky and Chris). Rough draft of book chapters together. University of Iowa Press. External reviewers are looking at it and should have comments in Oct. It ll be finalized in 2017. Published in 2018. Ecological Restoration Midwest Legacy-synthesis of history, linking theories and restoration practices.
 - Treasurers Report (Dan): \$28,943 funds in bank

Next call is on September 29, 2016 at 1pm CDT or 2pm EDT.