Greetings!

Welcome to the first edition of our renovated newsletter, the first in what will be quarterly email blasts to our SERNW membership. We will have a lot to tell you about over the next few months. At present, we have a slate of new officers that was installed at our July Board meeting. Our new officer bios are posted on our website, along with their contact information.

The new Board electees for 2011-2012 are:

- Allison Warner, President-elect
- Marnie Criley, Executive Vice President-installed
- Betsy Birmingham, Secretary-elect
- Josh Jensen, Program Vice-President-elect
- Alaine Sommargren, Director at Large
- Hem Mozaria-Luna, Director at Large
- Kevin Nevison, Student Representative
- Jim Hallett, SER Representative-elect

Board members continuing in their posts are: Frank Reckendorf, Treasurer; Barry Southerland, Director at Large, Adrien Elseroad, Director at Large, Ray Entz, Director at Large, and Jim Hallett, Publications.

Thanks to outgoing Board members Ali Wick, Cailin Huyck Orr, Jonathan Scherch, Lauren Urgenson, and Ryan Haugo.

We have diverse talent on the Board and look forward to our August 6 campout retreat at SeaQuest State Park to meet in person. Board members meet once a month, via conference call, the third Tuesday and you are welcome to sit in on the call. We continue on our strategic initiative for the Chapter and in the fall, the work on Conference 2012 begins in earnest. This meeting is also our annual members meeting, and we invite all SERNW members who can to join us. Contact Allison to find a campsite.

Second, we are pleased to announce the first product of our 2011 Strategic Initiative. With this email, we are announcing the first edition of Restoration Highlights, a new feature we will be offering on our website. Restoration Highlights will provide timely reports about restoration projects in the Pacific Northwest. We hope that these publications will benefit our members by increasing awareness of the many restoration activities being conducted throughout our region. We hope that our members will use this as a vehicle for sharing and showcasing their own work. The first edition, a case study about the Elwha Dam removal by former Board member Rebecca Brown and student member Aaron Clausen, is currently on our website. We encourage the participation of our members in providing contributions to make your work better known within the broader restoration community (See text box below).

Finally, you recently received announcement of the next SERNW conference. “Beyond borders: Conference 2012” will be held on May 15-18 at the University of Victoria, Victoria B.C. Canada, and will be jointly sponsored with SER-BC chapter and the Washington/BC Chapter of the American Fisheries Society. Additional information will be posted on the SERNW.org when available. Our past President, Ali Wick, is the SERNW conference chair and will continue to work with the Conference committee.
**conference committees are needed.** Please contact Josh Jensen, our Program Vice-President, to get more information: Josh Jensen.

Your Strategic Communication Team,


P.S. Don’t forget to renew your membership on the SERNW webpage

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SERNW is launching a new publishing initiative, *Restoration Highlights* on our web and Facebook pages. We are highly interested in your restoration based contributions in the following three categories:

1. **Restoration Updates**
2. **Student Offerings**
3. **Case Study Summaries**

One highlight from each category will be featured monthly (Updates and Student offerings) or quarterly (Case Studies). These highlights are provided free of charge as a service to our membership and the restoration community in the Northwest.

Details about each category of submittal and criteria are on the website. Each submission will be reviewed for content and context relating to our mission. Each month (or quarter for Case Studies), previously un-posted submissions will be reprioritized with new submissions. If there are deficiencies in a submission we will return it with a few editorial comments for improving it toward resubmission.

1) **Restoration Updates**: Abstract of approximately 2-3 paragraphs that gives a brief overview of your project and its key findings or contributions. These may be current projects in process or finished works.

2) **Student Offerings**: Students are invited, via this separate category, to submit a brief abstract of their project as information sharing with the restoration community. These submissions may be finished works or projects in progress.

3) **Case Study Summaries**: These will be more detailed summary of a restoration project or method, up to 3 pages of pictures and text. These submissions should be finished projects.

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