Board Members present: Ali Wick (President), Jonathan Scherch (Executive Vice President), Rebecca Brown (Vice President), Allison Warner (Secretary), Frank Reckendorf (Treasurer), Barry Southerland, Lauren Urgenson, Ryan Huago (Student Guild representative),

Also present: Amanda Jorgenson, SER Executive Director, Levi Wickwire, Global Restoration Network (GRN) Case Studies Coordinator from SER International, Jake Jacobson, past SERNW Board President

MEETING AGENDA

I. Welcome and Greetings from Your Board Members
   1. What We’re Doing For You Past Accomplishments and Status of Your Organization
   2. Upcoming Conference 2012
   3. 2010 and Beyond Plan

II. Member Feedback
   1. Volunteer with SERNW
   2. Workshop Ideas from Members

I. Following introductions Ali introduced the idea that the 2012 Conference could possibly be a joint conference with the Washington or Oregon American Fisheries Society. Possible locations could be the Gorge, Oregon, Sun River or the east side of Washington state.

II. 2010 and Beyond

The Strategic plan components developed by Ali Wick and Jonathan Scherch focus on:

- Connecting members
- Connecting students
- Connecting business

Discussion:

Conferences fill a niche- provide science
Workshops fill a niche- practitioner knowledge/skills. Workshops are held alternate years from conferences.
Amanda shared that SERI is pursuing a certificate program. Chapters may have an important role in that.

It was suggested to expand more in Montana, expose SER in Montana and provide skill-building there.
Also suggested to web publish a manual/ or proceedings from workshops. Our website has done this for past workshops.
III. Member input:
One member, from Olympic Peninsula who is also a member of the Society of American Foresters, Forest Stewards Guild, NW Indian Fisheries commission, pointed out the very similar goals of these organizations with SER’s goals. In response to the proposal in the Strategic Plan to utilize more social networking tools- he didn’t feel that social networking is effective in promoting those goals. However, the journal is important to those who are isolated on the Olympic Peninsula- need to get papers, not just abstracts from the conference. Foresters have a wide breadth of scientific backgrounds.

Jake Jacobson spoke about the confusion on the role of the Board versus the role of membership. The general approach is that the Board provides, and the membership looks to the Board to facilitate. However, the membership leads with practitioners. If expectations could be changed, with membership taking a more active role, leading more with the Board only facilitating, this would be less taxing on Board and more effective.

Frank Reckendorf raised the question of how the relationship between researchers and practitioners works in real work. Also suggested SERNW can’t be a funding agency for researchers.

Need to find a way to empower members to take advantage of our Board.
Lauren Urgenson suggested that she could put together a post-conference survey to allow members to give input and receive feedback on what worked well and what didn’t work during the Conference. It was agreed this would be carried out.