Board Members present: Allison Warner (President), Josh Jensen (Program Vice President), Frank Reckendorf (Treasurer), Jim Hallett (Publications and SERI Rep), Adrien Elseroad (Director at large Position 1), Alaine Sommargren (Director at large Position 2), Barry Southerland (Director at large Position 3), and Betsy Bermingham (Secretary), Hem Nalini Morzaria Luna (Director at large Position 4), Ray Entz (Director at large Position 5), Keith Nevison (Student Guild Rep)

Board Members absent: Marnie Criley (Executive Vice President),

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

A. 3/20/2012 Meeting Minutes–Approval (Betsy) - approved.

B. Treasurers Report (Frank):
   1. Will present at May general meeting.
   2. We have $302 in checkbook and that’s matched closely to April bank statement
   3. WE have $48594 in investments at end of March
   4. Allison needs to let Frank know when we order the memorable bags, how much money will be needed in checking. Frank will call Sound Investment and have $500 transferred to checkbook.

C. Please send Board hours for Winter quarter (Jan – Mar 31 2012)

D. Website update- Betsy
   1. Betsy went over the draft site map – the Board members will send edits by 4/21
   2. The board agreed that we could solicit some photos from members via Facebook, we could have rotating collection of projects for the website.
   3. Ali may have some photos from Mt Rainier trip – Allison will check on this
   4. The board had a short discussion on the organization of the site.
II. New Business:

A. Next biennial conference
   2. Concerns = can GB be a full partner? Do they have enough members, and/or expertise?
   3. Frank thinks this discussion is premature, let’s finish this year’s conference and then start planning the next one.

III. Old Business:

A. Speaker Panel with SERNW-UW Student Guild – it went very well, the students did a great job organizing. We had an hour long panel with five panelists and then another hour of roundtables covering about six topics. At least fifty people attended in addition to the panelists and roundtable leaders.

IV. Recurring Business

A. Strategic Communications Team – no updates from Adrien except that we just put out our newsletter.

B. Grants Committee: Barry
   1. Student travel awards – many thanks to Alaine and Frank. There are five recipients: Ben, Sarah, Danielle, Marine, and Samantha. We had more requests than scholarships but the committee worked well together to decide. Lessons learned: designate a person on grants guidance committee to receive applications themselves. The students need to understand that they need to hit the receipt sent button on email, we will try and emphasize to get them in before the deadline (time for feedback). There are slight changes needed to the application. Frank noted that the big issue was the missing information for applications. The table that was eventually developed was good for the group to keep track of the information received. The process was a bit of a struggle.
   2. Barry will send copies of the application, letters and table to Betsy for the secretary’s’ records.
   3. Keith had some problems with the form saving all of the information. We will need to look into this. It may be an issue with filling in the form via the web browser rather than saving the PDF to individual computers. This needs to be included in the instructions.

C. Board Development – Allison noted that Janice Martin has expressed interest in running for treasurer.

D. 2012 Conference: (Allison, Josh)
   1. Program schedule should be posted shortly (imminently posted)
   2. Chapter meeting at the Conference- Need committee reports – Allison would like a paragraph from each committee, to hand out to membership there so she can
consolidate into report. Would like to hand out "how to get involved" to members present.

3. Chapter table at the conference- Shift sign ups by end of April, Frank and Barry have volunteered – we did this three or four weeks ago. Betsy will send out an email after the program is posted.

4. Frank asked about logistics for the silent auction. Betsy would like to use sponsorship page to take credit cards. Discussion about this, how well it would work. Betsy will look into logistics and discuss off-line with Frank. Josh will send some additional info on card reader options.

5. Conference budget items- mileage and lodging re-imbursement clarification
   a. Frank noted that we have always reimbursed for lodging
   b. Allison thought that maybe just reimburse lodging for the one meeting day/night and mileage/ferry. Frank noted that the budget has about $2000 for board travel.
   c. Investment policy has never been added to bylaws. Allison is not sure that 75% of income is feasible. Frank suggested we postpone this discussion until May.

6. Alaine spoke about sponsorships. This is a last minute appeal for anyone who thinks they might have a potential sponsor for the conference. We have three sponsors so far for the conference: Anchor QEA, USDA Forest Service, Rosewood Consulting

V. Next meeting May 16, 12-1 pm (2nd Tuesday)