Board Members present: Allison Warner (President), Marnie Criley (Executive Vice 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), Hem Nalini Morzaria Luna (Director at large Position 4), Ray Entz (Director at large Position 5)

Board Members absent: Keith Nevison (Student Guild)

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

1. 1/17/2012 Meeting Minutes–Approval (Betsy): there was some discussion of giving awards and judging of student presentations. Allison will discuss with Josh about logistics.

2. Treasurers Report (Frank): The checking account has $374. Frank noted that he was not planning on having backup money in the checking account at the conference. For the conference he is planning on budgeting $100 for student awards and another $100-200 for small on-site expenses.

3. Board Budget for 2012-2013: Allison asked if we can get a projected budget for 2012 expenses? Frank can come up with base budget based on past years, but there are lots of “ifs” associated with conference. Allison just wants the board to have a discussion next time. Frank will put one out, showing 2011 and projections from 2012. For conference, Frank noted if we only have 250 attendees, Frank projects money will be lost, if the mid to high attendee estimates occur, we could make money. Allison noted that sponsorships have not been huge yet, but expenses at conference seem to be pretty inexpensive. The budget estimates indicate 20k in profit.

4. Student Scholarships: Allison is questioning long-range strategy of the student scholarship program. The original goal was to restart the scholarship program when the endowment amount reached $100,000 so that we would not have to write checks annually from our check book cash flow to cover the scholarships. At the end of 2011, the endowment was $46,482. Jim agreed that we should revisit this issue as it’s been 2 years since we’ve provided student research scholarships. While he applauds idea of having a large endowment, we also want to stay in the game with current students in sponsorships. Frank would be troubled promising scholarship money for this year, because we don’t know that this conference will make money. Adrien asked if we should have this discussion after the conference and Frank agreed, Jim thought this timing was fine. Allison noted that there are separate scholarships – awarding research grants versus awarding conference registration and some expenses ($200). Frank noted that these smaller awards could be discussed and approved at future board meeting. The board agreed to put it on the agenda for next month.
5. Allison submitted the chapter report to SER; she will send the report to the Board.

6. Please send Board hours for last quarter (Sept-Dec 2011) – Allison estimated for the annual report

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Awards to be presented at conference (Allison).
   a. 20th Anniversary award discussion, the nominee considered has been active on the board (At-Large, SERI rep) and has encouraged co-workers to work on board and helped with conference funding
   b. Conservationist of the year, the nominee considered has been involved with the Elwha restoration
   c. The prospective nominees sound good to the Board

2. Policy guidelines updated for new membership structure (Jim)
   a. SER is changing its membership structure, beginning probably in the spring. The only change affecting SERNW relates to our chapter not requiring membership in the parent organization currently. We used to have an associate member option, which is disappearing. So there will be an extra $5 to be a member of SERNW. We don’t need to change our policy. Allison recommends at next meeting we discuss whether the policies should be changed (SER membership = $50 plus $15 for SERNW = $65 total), Frank agreed. Allison will put this for a vote for the next meeting. Alaine asked if we know how many NW members are just NW members and don’t belong to SERI, to Allison’s knowledge there are zero.

III. Old Business:

1. Speaker Panel with SERNW-UW Student Guild (Betsy, Alex) – panel will likely be in April, have at least one panelist. Will have more to report next month.

IV. Recurring Business

1. Strategic Communications Team(Adrien)
   a. SERNW 20th – had to do with memorabilia for sale at the conference table. Ideas were for a canvas bag with a commemorative image. Have not had a response from students on interest in providing design.
   b. Cascadia Restoration News – just sent out by Caroline.
   c. Website, Restoration Highlights – Restoration highlights still in progress. Alaine will make sure that Jim gets it this week. Adrien noted it’s never too early to think about the next newsletter, which is planned for early April. Allison wanted to
encourage the Board to reach out to people to have them submit a case-study. We especially need to make connections with our potential sponsors.

2. Board development committee- Elections 2012-Slate due April
   a. Marnie, Betsy, Hem and Keith are on this committee.
   b. We’re in an even year the positions up = Program VP, Treasurer, Publications/Web Manager, Director at Large: Positions 3, 4 & 5. Barry and Frank are the only board members terming out this year.
   c. Interested in looking for nominees that may have more experience with conference planning, fundraising, also interested in more regional diversity (Alaska, Idaho, Montana).
   d. Board members should come up with two nominees each, please email Marnie with these names
   e. Marnie will check with current board members to see if they want to run again.
   f. Allison asked if current members could run for different positions – this is allowed.

3. Grants Committee: Barry
   a. Can we vote on the guidance?
   b. Frank – the one issue was the amount that requires board votes
   c. $500 is the limit before the board needs to vote to approve. Board agreed.
   d. Jim moved that we approve the guidelines, approved unanimously.

4. SERI Report (Jim)
   a. Still in process of finding exec director, membership structure and dues issues as discussed earlier.

5. Conference: (Allison, Josh)
   a. Frank, Alaine, Josh, Betsy, Allison and Barry are all attending

6. We need an updated copy of bylaws – Betsy will send this out

Next call March 20, 6-7 pm (2nd Tuesday)