Board Members present: Ali Wick (President), Frank Reckendorf (Treasurer), Lauren Urgenson (At large Position 2), Jonathan Scherch (ProgramVice President), Adriene Elseroad (Position 1), Jim Hallett (Publications), Cara Nelson, Barry Southerland, Marnie Criley (At Large, Position 4), Cailin Orr-Hyuck, Executive VP

Board Members absent Allison Warner (Secretary) and Ryan Huago( Student Guild Board member)

1) Strategic Planning:
Bing Group - Adrienne
- Received all information from Board members
- Some folks we don’t have other info besides names
- Send these around and have folks fill in info
- Does list make sense? Combine any categories? Summarize
- Ali – How to communicate our work via facebook. Will discuss on next BING call.

Academic - Lauren
- Ryan and John drafted letter to academics to invite them to be part of academic group.
- Not big response.
- How do we address lack of movement of this effort?
- Timing an issue (Dec. and Jan. not great time).
- Working on this now might be good idea. Cara ready to move forward.
- **Action:** Schedule a meeting toward end of February. Send out email now to schedule.

2) Next Conference - Ali:
- Finalize MOU and working budget
- Call next week – AFS and SERBC
- Booked U of Victoria as holder – no up front money needed
- 1 year, 5 mos away
- Theme – across borders

3) Board Administration
Elections - Cailin:
- Email is out for Jonathan’s position - results coming soon
- Ryan will serve until next election
- Late April next elections
- Recruitment process – gap analysis. Cara will send information to Cailin.
- Jim set up SERNW Wiki for some archival material. **Action:** Jim will resend the link for this.
Where to archive financial materials? Needs to be secure. Discuss on future call. **Action:** Frank will try to come up with proposal for doing this.

Portland State undergrad student may be interested in becoming board member – promising student to recruit. Kevin ?. **Action:** Cara will send contact info to Cailin.

**Budget and Finance - Frank:**
- $5000 out of mutual fund to buy 3 year note. Will bring a bit more income.
- Albertson 3.29% came due today. Reinvest for 6 months
- $500 for shrub steppe conference – still need to confirm our co-sponsorship. Are they still interested, who to write check to. Post meeting. Frank confirmed their interest and will write check to Friends of Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuges. We will be shown in conference brochure as a sponsor.

**Student Guild:**
Ryan’s email:
“We’ve had several successful work parties this winter so far and are getting some new folks interested in the guild. We’ve had some trouble communicating with Caroline at SERI regarding guild renewal – but I think we have things worked out now. Several spring events are already in the planning stages – things are looking good for the guild group.

I’ve now officially “resigned” (retired?) from the leadership of the UW Guild and have been talking to students about filling my SERNW board position. However, the UW Guild is facing something of a graduation crisis this spring anyway (most of the leadership is soon to graduate)… Perhaps it would be good for a Montana student to take a turn as the SERNW board rep?”

**Action:** Send student suggestions to Cailin.

**SERI Representative Update – Cara:**
- Merger proposal with National Committee on Ecosystem Restoration. NCER has conference every other year – can work well with SERI conf.
- SER Chapters vs. Guilds – The NCER merger and branding effort is leading to the need to reclarify the difference between SER Chapters and Guilds. The by-laws specify that Chapters are place based and Guilds are interest based; Cara will be putting forward a motion to the Board that the Student Guild program is renamed as Student Chapters – March vote
- Certification Program – The next step is to figure out the vetting process with SER members and then agencies.
- Jim and Cara going to SERI meeting in Merida, Mexico in August.
- Election at meeting at August SER mtg. Ballots going out in June. Cara will no longer be our rep as of August. Who should replace her? Maybe discuss with BC chapter. Anyone in this region (NW) can run and vote for rep of this region. Rep comes from Regions. SERI looking to up the number of chapters. Cara feels it would be valuable to have the new representative be someone with Chapter experience. Frank may be interested in running as NW rep to SERI – will talk to Cara.
- More communication between our chapter and BC chapter.
4) Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from January
Jim puts forth to approve, Frank seconds. Approved.

5) Next Meeting: March 15th 6-7pm.