SERNW Board Monthly Call Agenda
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Board Members present: Ali Wick (President), Frank Reckendorf (Treasurer), Lauren Urgenson (At large Position 2), Allison Warner (Secretary), Adrian Elseroad, Position 1, Jim Hallett (Publications), Barry Southerland, Marnie Criley (At Large, Position 4), Cailin Orr-Hyuck, Executive VP, Student Guild Board member: vacant, Cara Nelson (SER Rep), Ray Entz (At Large Position 5)

Board Members absent Jonathan Scherch (Program Vice President),

I. Board Administration
   1. Meeting Minutes approval for February minutes
   2. Board:
      i. Transition Plan Executive Board – Ali
         1. President - term is up in spring, Ali moving to MS, can still chair Conf committee.
         2. Exec VP – Cailin stepping down- she is in final preparations for tenure.
         3. Prog VP – Jonathan term is up, stepping down.
         4. Secretary – term is up and Allison interested in serving to help with BING and the new strategic initiative
         5. Treasurer – Frank has one more year, need to train replacement.
            Frank was actually elected in 2009, but will continue until 2012 to get back on the correct bylaw schedule.

Discussion: The three executive board members are supposed to come from existing committees. It would be helpful for institutional memory (Note: this was clarified later by email that the bylaws which stipulated this were revised in 2010). Ali spoke to all the executive Board members about her upcoming job move to see what other Board members interests are. She is willing to continue as conference chair and to help with keeping that going during transition period. It may be that AFS can take over as conference chair, and she can be co-chair. Jim is interested in connections with SERI and working with them on communications. Cara expects to run for the SERI board and won’t be able to be in a leadership position on Board but wants to continue on a committee level. Ryan cannot continue at this time with the Board. Jim feels being president would be premature. Marnie also feels she hasn’t been involved in awhile. Lauren is also going to step down as at large member.

   ii. 2011 Elections – Cailin needs two members from the Board to be part of nominating committee. Need experienced Board members to step in temporarily to be President. Think about Exec VP someone who is willing to make a step toward President. Make a solicitation to members for names to be put forward. Frank asked Allison to step in as President. She is unsure due to her other commitments. Plan is to try to have ballot ready for May. SERNW can send out ballot. Jim, Cara and Cailin will be nominating committee. Plan for an election by mid-May. Cailin has drafted a letter to go out requesting nominations to the Board from the
membership. Cara asks that each Board member send two
names to the nominating committee.

3. Budget & Finance Update – Frank – $1477 in bank, $48,223 in
endowment. About $1000 in checkbook. Short turnaround request from
SERI for a year end financial report which Frank provided. A thank you
from Mid-Columbia River Wildlife Refuge for our sponsorship ($500) of
noxious weed workshop. Thanks to Jim for posting our support on our
website.

4. Student Guild Update – Ryan-End of January last workparty. He has
stepped down as chair of the Guild. They sponsored a symposium in
February. He will touch base with Cara about Student Board position.
She has a couple of people who may be interested. Ryan will make
known emails and lists of members.

5. SERI Rep – no report

II. Strategic Planning – 2010 and Beyond Plan Updates

1. BING Group – Adrien—Moving forward with Restoration Highlight for
website. A proposal has been developed for 3 different postings for
website: a short summary, a student summary and case study. Ray Entz
is working on it.

2. Academic Group – Lauren-Next meeting is in a week or two – asked for
any ideas for coordination from BING group. Ali has idea that Academic
group could provide a framework for student highlight. Allison will set up a
joint meeting and Jim and Ray will coordinate in their phone calls this
week

III. Next Conference Update – Ali
Final MOU is to be coming out soon. Have developed schedule for control points and a
budget that will be coming to Board for approval. Very close to having a final of all of
this.

IV. Next Board Call

1. April 19, 6 to 7 pm
Topics will include Strategic planning, conference, and election.