Board Members present: Allison Warner (President), Jim Hallett (Publications and SERI Regional Representative), 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), Keith Nevison (Student Guild Position), Betsy Bermingham (Secretary)

A quorum was present

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

A. Meeting Minutes Approval (Betsy)
   1. The minutes for both the August retreat and September call were approved

B. Conference Call Logistics (Allison)
   1. The use of Skype for the next conference call was discussed. The board will try out this method for the November call with Jim hosting the meeting.
   2. All board members will need to set up a free Skype account, and email Jim their username before the meeting.
   3. If we run into technical difficulties, the free conference call line will be available for use (1-213-406-8520, access code 315192).

C. Website Help
   1. Betsy is on board to help Jim with the website and Facebook page administration.
   2. Jim noted that the website will be converted to a new system when SER updates their website. The current system archives all content, we will need to decide how to archive content with the new system and what we want to do with historical content from the old system. The board should also discuss how we want to set up the new website to put our best face forward.
   3. Allison asked if we should hire an intern to help with this process of archiving and also for website development. Jim noted that the archival process would need to be supervised carefully by a board member or members (possibly the strategic communication committee). The board will consider this item and will discuss in relation to the budget at the next meeting.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. None
III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Speaker Panel with SERNW-UW Student Guild (Betsy)

1. Betsy has contacted Alex, the treasurer of the UW student chapter regarding his idea of having a panel discussion during the school year. Alex spoke with the chapter’s faculty advisor (Jon Bakker) who suggested a panel focusing on the types of tools/skills that students can develop for working professionally. He also suggested holding it in Winter quarter to help students find internships or classes based on what they learned from the panel.

2. Board members thought the panel topic and timing were all good ideas, Betsy will contact Alex to see if the student guild has thoughts on the types of professionals they would like to hear from and how the board can help.

IV. RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning Group (Allison)

1. The restoration highlights group gave an update. Hem was able to get a few pictures from our student researchers and will finish this month’s article. Barry is on board to write an article for the third restoration highlight next month. Keith would also be happy to come up with a post introducing the PSU student guild.

B. Grants Guidance Committee (Barry)

1. The group has not been able to get together yet, but a meeting is targeted for late fall. Barry is hoping to have a draft grants matrix out in the winter.

C. Student Guild Update

1. Keith announced that the new PSU chapter had 90 new members signed up at the college’s “party in the park”! This new student guild is planning on monthly meetings that focus on a particular restoration topic. The first meeting included a discussion of engineered wetlands and living machines and had a Portland field trip. The next topic will be the White Salmon River dam removal project. The group is talking about doing some weekend hands-on events and also talking with other student guilds (Montana and UW) about a regional get-together. Keith is also working on bringing in Keith Bowers, founder of Biohabitats and former SER president to give a talk. The student group is well funded thanks to support from the sustainability department and the University’s administration. Keith still needs to fill out the SER paperwork for the group and will do this in the next month.

2. Besides UW’s panel discussion, the UW student group has had their first restoration party and has also set up a nice new website and blog.

D. SER Regional Rep Report

1. Jim will circulate a report on the MERIDA conference and other SER news via email.
E. Next Conference

1. 2nd call for Symposia, 1st call for papers just went out to members.
2. We need a website prior to the call for papers. Josh will take care of this.
3. Jim clarified what a call for symposia entailed for Betsy: essentially the symposia call is for proposals for separate sections focused on a particular topic. The separate technical papers may be grouped by topic, but they are independent from the designated sections themselves.
4. The call for symposia deadline is in January. The call for papers is due April 1st.

V. NEXT MEETING

A. The next board meeting is scheduled for November 15th, 6-7pm – Remember we will be skyping this meeting!

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- All board members will need to set up a free Skype account, and email Jim their username before the meeting.
- Keith will fill out the SER paperwork for the new PSU student guild
- Jim will circulate a report on the MERIDA conference and other SER news via email.