Board Members present: Allison Warner (President), Jim Hallett (Publications and SERI Regional Representative), Alaine Sommargren (Director at Large Position 2), Hem Nalini Morzaria Luna (Director at Large Position 4), Betsy Bermingham (Secretary)

A quorum was not present

I. BOARD ADMINISTRATION

A. Meeting Minutes Approval (Betsy)
   1. Betsy will put the August board meeting minutes on the Wiki for approval by the board since a quorum was not present.
   2. Jim will make sure Betsy has access to the Wiki.

B. Committee Assignments (Allison)
   1. Strategic Communication will include Adrien, Allison and Jim.
   2. Board Development will include Marnie, Hem, Betsy, and Keith
   3. Programs will include Josh and Ali. Alaine would also be willing to participate in this committee. Allison will contact Josh and let him know.
   4. There was a question of including non-board members within these committees. Generally the members agreed this would be a good idea.

C. Board Volunteer Hours (Allison)
   1. Volunteer hours for the second quarter from April 1st through June 30th need to be submitted.
   2. Board members should be tracking their hours for the third quarter (July 1st through September 30th), which are due soon.
   3. Allison will resend the volunteer-hours workbook.

D. Conference Calling Decision (Allison/Keith)
   1. The options for less expensive conference calls include: calling in using a free service that would require paying for long distance bills for those with a landline, or utilizing an internet-based option such as Skype.
   2. Jim noted that Skype has worked well for him, even for international conference calls. That said this option requires a computer, microphone and speaker.
   3. All of the members present would be fine with either option.
4. Allison will send out an email with the options to gauge interest from the rest of board.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Report from Merida (Jim)
   1. The conference included 1,000 attendees from over 60 countries. Overall the program was quite broad and interesting. Jim was able to meet with members of SERBC and advertise the upcoming conference to other attendees. Jim will write up a paragraph to include in the October newsletter.
   2. Jim would like to defer the discussion of membership and chapter changes until there is a larger board presence. Right now there have only been discussions related to membership requirements, nothing has changed yet.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Grant Committee Rubric Update (Barry)
   1. Postponed until October

B. SERNW – BC Conference Update (Josh/Ali)
   1. Report from Ali: We are starting to formulate committees. AFS is populating the committee list based on volunteer responses. Website development is underway and will be provided by The Fisheries Society. Overall, conference planning is on schedule.
   2. Alaine has been identified as the fundraising/sponsorship chair. Alaine will need help from other board members and will send out an email within the next few weeks to solicit help with various sponsorship contacts.

IV. RECURRING BUSINESS

A. Strategic Planning Group (Adrien/Allison)
   1. Adrien will schedule the next Strategic Planning Group meeting soon. In the interim, Allison will be leading up the next email blast. She would like to include a Merida report from Jim. The report could also highlight updates to the Elwha Dam removal. This email blast will have our first student restoration highlight section with research abstracts. Hem is currently editing abstracts. Based on feedback from this meeting, Hem will also ask for photos of the students and/or their fieldwork.

B. Budget & Finance Update
   1. We will have these updates quarterly from now on. Frank can give an update at the next meeting.
C. Student Guild Update
   1. This is postponed until the next meeting.
   2. Betsy will follow up with Alex regarding his interest in organizing a panel discussion at UW.

D. SER Regional Rep Report
   1. Jim would like to defer this discussion until the October meeting when more board members are present. There will be changes in the D.C. office but this will occur late in the month.

V. NEXT MEETING
   A. The next board meeting is scheduled for October 18th, 6-7pm

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- Betsy will submit the August meeting minutes on the Wiki for online approval by the board.

- Jim will make sure Betsy has access to the Wiki.

- All board members must submit their 2nd Quarter (April 1st – July 30th) volunteer hours to Allison. This includes new board members!

- Allison will send an email to the board outlining conference call options and gauging interest for each.

- Jim will write up a section for the October newsletter, which discusses the Merida conference.

- Alaine will send out an email soliciting assistance in sponsorship calls for the Spring Conference.

- Hem will contact students being highlighted in the next email blast to get pictures of the students and/or pictures related to their field work.

- Betsy will follow up with Alex regarding his proposed panel discussion hosted by UW.