SERNW Monthly Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 18, 2013
6 PM – 7PM
Conference call

Board Members Present: Allison Warner (President), Frank Reckendorff (Treasurer), Keith Nevison (Secretary), Jim Hallett (SERI Representative), Rolf Gersonde (Director-at-Large Position 3), Adrien Elseroad (Director-at-Large Position 1), Janice Martin (Program Vice President), Alaine Sommargren (Publications)

Board Members Absent: Ray Entz (Director-at-Large Position 5), Barry Southerland (Executive Vice President), Joshua Chenoweth (Director-at-Large Position 2), Hank Stein (Student Guild Representative)

Treasurer’s Report- Endowment = $52,675
$1,235 in chequebook
Two Outstanding cheques (for student scholarships) yet to be cashed

May Minutes approved

Director’s insurance- Rolf- Is there precedent for the Board of Directors to have this policy? Do other chapters have this policy? Frank says other organizations he’s been involved in have had it and thinks this may be the best deal. Also, not having it may be an issue in the future. Jim will check-in with SERI about whether they can provide a blanket insurance for the various chapter Boards.

Conference venues- Frank checked out 2 sites in person in Bend area, plus ran a query on 2 others. Eagle Crest: Destination resort with lots of amenities. 7 simultaneous rooms for programming, plus lunchroom, only $1000 deposit. $89 per room, or $69-73 for shared condo lodging. Negatives- expensive A/V rental (equal to Riverhouse), we would likely be filling up all available conference spaces/rooms

Riverhouse: Very large facility, urban area in Bend. More than we need for space. Negatives= $129 per room, only gov’t rates for gov’t employees. High A/V costs. $7,500 deposit plus another $7,500 later. High cancellation fees. However, Frank put pressure on them and they came down, matching Eagle Crest’s rates on meeting room rental, and delayed deposit to August and September rather than 6 months prior, plus met the government per diem room rates.

Advantage- Eagle Crest Lower deposit and lower anticipated cancellation cost by Frank’s calculations. Also if you miss your occupancy/participation mark they allow attrition of 20%, more flexibility in not losing our shirts!
If we have 300 people, we’re in great shape to cover costs approximately $85,000 (catering, program costs). Even 250 attendees would land us in positive financial shape.

We can block rooms as early as May for October’s conference. This would help significantly to ensure Conference success/prevent cancellation.

**Election**- A Board member is needed to fill Keith Nevison’s vacancy in Director-at-Large Position 3. Russell Lawrence, a Fluvial Geomorphologist/Streamside Restorationist from Oregon City would replace Keith from the same geographic vicinity and has expressed interest in serving on the Board. He ran last time vs. Joshua Chenoweth. He has been an active member and participant in several of our past conferences. He was proposed by our Executive VP for the position. He would have to run for the position when the Secrtary term expires next year.

Move to install Russ in Position 3. Group Vote- **Yes**, Keith abstains

**Next Newsletter** in late July/Early August
Joshua will send Restoration Highlights by July 18th

**Conference Committee Assignments**- Allison to send again
Please look at the Spreadsheet and sign-up ASAP. Labeled- 2014 Conference Structure and Tasks: Major Areas: Program Committee (Plenaries, Student Events, General Program), Arrangements (Accommodations, Trade Show, other Venue stuff, etc.), Publicity Chair

**Next meeting:** Discuss MOU with SER-GB and other potential Conference partners