I. Board Administration

1. July 21 Meeting Minutes Approval. Rory motioned Allison 2nd, unanimously approved

2. Treasurers Report (Samantha):

   KeyBank balance is $6,968.75

   With the following breakdown as follows, General Fund $4892.25, Conference Fund $1576.50, and Scholarship Fund $500.00

   There are some outstanding checks not cashed.

II. New Business

1. Chapter Awards Bylaws Amendment

   Allison presented a proposal to change Policy Statement #6 in the bylaws concerning chapter award descriptions. Michael suggested that the award descriptions should be in line with language from the SER Primer. There was discussion regarding “restorationist” vs. “conservationist”. After some word smithing, Rory motioned and Michael seconded to adopt the following award descriptions in the bylaws:

   **RESTORATION PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD:**
   To be awarded to a public, private, non-profit- owned and/or sponsored/implemented restoration project, or a collaboratively-owned and/or implemented restoration project making a significant contribution to restoration in the Cascadia bioregion.

   **RESTORATIONIST OF THE YEAR:**
   For recognition of individual efforts to promote ecosystem health, integrity and sustainability through ecological restoration.

   **SERNW SPECIAL AWARD:**
   To be awarded to a person, team or project representing a restoration theme or focus of restoration science and practice chosen annually by the Board of Directors.

   The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Finance Committee Amendment

   Allison submitted proposal for changing ARTICLE 6, Section 6- Finance Committee

   Current Language:

   *The Finance Committee is comprised of the Treasurer, the Executive Vice President and the Program Vice President. It is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures, fundraising plans, and the annual budget. The board must approve the budget and all expenditures must be within budget. Any major change in the budget must be approved by the board. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Annual reports are required to be submitted to the board showing income, expenditures, and pending income. The financial records of the organization are public information and shall be made available to the membership, board members and the public.*
Proposed language:

The Finance Committee is comprised of the Treasurer, the Executive Vice President, one other Board member, and any SERNW member appointed by the Board President. It is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures, fundraising plans, and the annual budget. The board must approve the budget and all expenditures must be within budget. Any major change in the budget and financial accounts must be approved by the board. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. Annual reports are required to be submitted to the board showing income, expenditures, and pending income. The financial records of the organization are public information and shall be made available to the membership, board members and the public. An annual report is also prepared by the Treasurer and the Finance Committee to SER.

Rolf asked that discussion be postponed until Samantha could participate, as she had not arrived yet.

III. Old Business:

1. Summer Board meeting and annual member meeting: Since we did not have an annual member meeting, we should discuss options for an alternative meeting in 2015.

Rolf asked the board to make a decision on what to do about the annual meeting. Dave proposed that we get a room at CPOP conference to host meeting. Alison also suggested videoconference/webinar to present the SER Global restructure, committees, After discussion about benefits of meeting face to face vs broader potential participation with a videoconference, Alison suggested that we might do both. Rolf asked that Board research options for doing both concurrently. Allison agreed to look into room at CPOP for meeting. Allison and Rory agreed to look into setting up webinar. Rolf also asked that notice get included in the newsletter.

2. SER Global Restructure Effort: The SER Board voted in Manchester to go forward with restructuring the Board. Effort to reach out to other North American Chapters and have a meeting and discussion on what type of structure would be most appropriate for North America.

Dave reported that the SER Board voted to move ahead with restructuring the SER Board. There is a proposal to merge the 6 North American chapters into one chapter and retain the current chapters as sub-chapters. There was interest to hold the first North American chapter meeting during the SERNW meeting in 2016. Rolf talked with Cara Nelson and understands that the North American chapter restructuring is not decided and further discussion among the NA chapter needs to happen to figure out which structure will best serve the chapter membership within the global organization. Rolf has reached out to Bethany Walder (new SER ED) to coordinate on timing and interest with other NA chapters, wanting to reach out and determine level of interest before inviting other chapters to the 2016 conference. Jim relayed that SER Board had voted to continue discussion on chapter restructuring but not finalized any decision. Michael thought that there was room for discussion within chapters and at NA level.

IV. Recurring Business

1. Board Committee Reports (6:35-7:00)

   i. Program Committee (Michael)

      a) Riparian workshop- no workshop registration, need to promote up front
      b) Conference update- Portland 2016 Symposia and workshops coming together nicely.
      c) Idea to have programs within our chapter that rotates location within the region. (e.g. talks at breweries)
ii. Finance Committee (Samantha)- Samantha related that the Finance Committee proposes the following rates for registration for the 2016 conference:

Member $350.00
non- member $425.00
Daily rate $175.00
Student $250.00

Michael suggested that student rate is a bit high. Samantha stated they had included 10 student volunteer @$250. Michael would like to have additional discussion to ensure that students are able to participate. He suggested $100-150 per student as a ballpark figure or $175 if they get a membership as well. He also thought that we should get 3x the number of students in Portland over Redmond. Rolf suggested that might need to increase member price since costs in Portland are higher. Michael asked if conference collaborators should get member price for their members. Rolf suggested that this would be good discussion in Program committee. Michael thought we should be encouraging attendees to become members. Rolf thought that it might be problematic for partner organizations that help promote conference to their membership, and help organize conference, symposia and solicited sponsorships. Partners are not accepting risk or revenue for this conference. Michael thought it odd that people would attend a conference for which they are not a member. Allison stated that SERNW has used this collaborative approach in years past and it seems to work well, this is different in that SERNW is taking financial risk/reward and we’ll likely get membership from partner organizations. Michael thought that we should be careful to not give too much away. Further discussion will take place during Program and Finance committees.

iii. Board Development-

   a) Vacant Board Positions- Allison reported 2 vacant positions since Michael moved to other position and one other

   b) Committee Members- Rolf wanted to encourage recruiting members to participate on committees with eye towards future Board membership

iv. Strategic Communications-

   a) Committee Chair (Allison) –Will be meeting soon.

   b) Restoration Highlights – no report

v. Grants Committee Jim reported that last year SERNW awarded three grants, and proposed that we do the same this year. Deadline is March, can vote on next meeting, do need to expand Grant committee, might look outside the board to membership for committee members

V. Next meeting Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 6-7 pm