



Central Rockies SER Meeting Summary

Wednesday, June 24, 2015 2:00pm - 3:00pm

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Attendance: 9

Fort Collins: Mark Paschke, Jayne Jonas-Bratten, Randy Mandel, Andrea Borkenhagen, Anita Kennedy, John Plybon, and Brian Vickers.

Calling in: Kelly Uhing and Brett Wolk

Minutes approved and posted to CeRSER website

Treasurer Report:

- Kelly Uhing has is working with files that are on the CeRSER google drive
- CeRSER received the check from (Colorado Native Plant Society) CoNP for \$640
 - \$510 was 50% of the processed for the Willow Workshop CeRSER and CoNP hosted on April 26th, 2015
 - <http://chapter.ser.org/centralrockies/event/willow-id-workshop/>
 - CoNP also donated \$130 towards the cost of lunch at the workshop.
- The Durango pub talk appetizer expenses of \$299.47 were reimbursed to Brett Wolk.
 - <http://chapter.ser.org/centralrockies/event/pub-talk-in-durango/>
- The CeRSER balance as of June 24, 2015 is \$6097.42
- Tim Hoelzle and Kelly met at First National to transfer signatures for the CeRSER accounts. Randy Mandel and Brett need to sign the original financial document to authorize the transfer. Randy will meet Kelly in Denver and Kelly will send the document by certified mail to Brett.

Secretary Report

- As of June 11th, CeRSER has 102 members. This is one new member since the last meeting. In May, we had 104 so there was a bit of a loss from two people not renewing.
- The board discussed creating a membership committee. Feedback from the CeRSER surveys identified 5 people that were interested in forming or contributing towards a membership committee.
- **ACTION ITEM:** The board will discuss the formation of a membership committee and the outline tasks and responsibilities.

Conference report

- Tim Hoelzle gives an account of the conference finances. He has sent a detailed account of all the expenses to the committee. Mark has reviewed this document and Randy will go through it soon as well.

- Spreadsheet finalized. \$12,147.07 transfer from HAR to CeRSER.
- Conference survey – Mindy reached out to the cohorts. We hope to have the information available at the next meeting.
- ACTION ITEM: Reach out to Mindy to get a summary of the conference survey.

Outreach Committee Report

- Pub talk in Pinedale following the HAR field tour.
 - This has been difficult to coordinate and the logistics may not work.
- Southern Rockies Ecotypic Network
 - This organization want to do a workshop that features ecotypic seeds (Kristina Hufford) and a pollinator talk (Randy Mandel). Also a native seed cleaning workshop.
 - ACTION ITEM: Discuss collaboration event
- Durango talk. May 21, 2015
 - <http://chapter.ser.org/centralrockies/event/pub-talk-in-durango/>
 - There were 86 people in attendance. This was one of our best attended event without free beer. A big success.
 - Dr. Tony Cheng, Director of the Colorado Fire Restoration Institute and Professor in the Department of Forest and Rangeland Stewardship at Colorado State University gave a great talk on “Fires, beetles, floods – oh my! Lessons learned from the work of the Colorado Forest Restoration Institute“
 - Mountain Studies Institute wants to partner in the future. We are interested in doing more workshops and the Mountain Studies Institute also like hosting them so there is another opportunity to partner.
- Casey Cisneros is planning in a month or two to update the current outreach committee list and touch base with everyone.
- Casey has also been in contact with a representative from the Colorado chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. They been discussing a joint workshop sometime this fall or winter.

Fundraising Committee

- Did not get to this.

Student Guild

- Magda Garboski is the new student president. She is in the BSPM department working with Cini Brown. There are all new officers that have been elected but Anita Kennedy is helping with the transition.
- New events they are planning include coordinating native garden plantings at some local schools. A few local schools got some grants to put in gardens. They are interested in native plants and pollinators. Randy has offered to help with this.
- The Sustaining Colorado Watershed Conference will be in the first week of October and there are slots for student posters. Need to advertise with the CSU SER. There are also

30 scholarships for students to attend the conference. Randy can send us a link about posters and scholarships.

- ACTION ITEM: Provide poster and scholarship information for the CSU SER students
- The native plant sell went well. They did suffer from a lack of storage in the greenhouse over winter and the trees and shrubs did not survive. They would like to get into farmers markets but it's harder than expected to get a spot. The Boulder county farmers market does not allow clubs and the Laramie country market was full. They will try other venues next year.

HAR-CeRSER tour

- High Altitude Revegetation 2015 Summer Field Tour
 - The HAR summer field tour highlights reclamation projects in the region.
 - <http://chapter.ser.org/centralrockies/event/har-cerser-wrrc-summer-field-tour/>
 - The HAR tour has been slow to come together this year as the organizing committee was composed of similar members who had just finished organizing the CeRSER HAR conference.
 - The tour will be hosted on July 13-14, 2015 in the Pinedale, Wyoming area. The theme is Oil and Gas Reclamation.
 - This will be a joint event with HAR, CeRSER, and Wyoming Reclamation and Restoration Center with Peter Stahl.
 - There is no charge for the HAR tour. No carpool will be organized but can be coordinated.
 - This is one of the earliest areas for gas development in this part of the world and there has been many reclamation projects over the years. The tour will spend the day looking at good reclamation project, such as sagebrush in disturbed soils, and bad reclamation project, where they have not established native plants.
 - The tour will also focus on wildlife mitigation efforts and how to offset the impacts of wildlife from the oil and gas industry.
 - A flier to advertise will be available for distribution soon. Andrea will distribute it to the mailing lists and Jayne will update the website.

HAR-CeRSER merger

- HAR will draft a memorandum of understanding for a merger between the two groups. This will be done after the summer tour.
- ACTION ITEM: HAR to draft a memorandum of understanding for a merger

Other Business

- Membership and student professional relationship committee
 - In our bylaws, it states that the membership committee shall work to encourage the maximum number of persons residing or working within the Chapter's geographical limits to become Chapter Members.
 - We have not had a membership committee. Is that a problem we need to address? Because we plan to merge with HAR, it is a good time have a

membership committee. We would like to diversify and broaden our member base regionally (into Wyoming) and professionally (more applied).

- ACTION ITEM: Create an application for a membership committee chair and distribute to the membership.
- We could add a mentorship program committee as well.
 - To form a new committee, we may need to amend the bylaws. There are provisions in the bylaws that state how we will do that.
 - There might be a provision in the bylaws that allow for a post-hoc non-permanent committee.

Next Meeting

- TBD
- Sept 17 or 18th at Colorado State University, Forestry Building, Room 114.