



Central Rockies SER Meeting Summary
Wednesday, December 2, 2015, 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Attendance: 12

Fort Collins: Mark Paschke, Randy Mandel, Andrea Borkenhagen, Kelly Uhing, Jayne Jonas-Bratten, Brett Wolk, Cini Brown, and Hannah Riedl

Calling in: Megan Bowes, Susan Sherrod, Kristina Hufford, and Marguerite Nutter.

October minutes were approved and are posted to [CeRSER website](#)

President's Report (Randy Mandel):

- Continued thanks for participation and support from all board members and volunteers.

Treasurer Report (Kelly Uhing):

- **Balance is \$17,253.98**
- Expenses
 - \$600 for the [Pub Talk](#) at Baron's in Grand Junction on November 11th
 - \$650 to sponsor a keynote speaker at the Southern Rockies Seed Network (SRSN) [Annual Meeting](#) on December 3rd
 - \$64.94 to sponsor a coffee break at the Colorado Weed Network [Meeting](#) on November 5th
- CeRSER Banking
 - Brett, Randy, and Kelly all have debit cards for the CeRSER account. They are now able to pay for things at events and Kelly will sign up for ebanking so we can have quick access to the balance.
- T-shirt inventory
 - The CeRSER t-shirts were last counted in 2013. This need to be updated.
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Mark will get an inventory of the shirts as they are in his office.

Secretary Report (Andrea Borkenhagen)

- **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** We received our roster from SER on November 9th, 2015 and currently have 104 members. Since October, we have attracted four new members, Ben Wise (Academia, Denver, CO), Diana Lane (Private Sector, Boulder, CO); Roy Cook (Academia, Fort Collins, CO); and Cliff Prather (Private Sector, Edmonton, Alberta).

Membership Report (Brett Wolk)

- Having a membership committee is written into our bylaws, we just don't have an active one at this time. Casey has offered to spearhead the committee as the board has been trying to get it going for a while but it hasn't gotten off the ground yet. At the HAR-CeRSER 2015 conference, attendees filled out a survey and some indicated they were interested in participating in a membership committee. Casey will start by reaching out

to those contacts and calling the first official meeting. One of the goals will be to find someone to lead the committee, as Casey already manages the Outreach committee.

- To clarify which members are on what committee, we should have a list on the website. This will help committee leaders as a reminder of who to reach out to in support of committee objectives and also formally recognize members that contribute to Chapter business.
- ACTION ITEM: Committee Chairs to reach out to their group to confirm member participation. This will be passed to Jayne who will put the lists on the website.
- We should also have term lengths for Board of Directors and Committee Officer positions on the website.
- ACTION ITEM: Brett will send position terms to Jayne.
- The brochure is still being developed.

Outreach Report (Kelly for Casey Cisneros)

- **Pub Talks**
 - Next Pub Talk: Cohosted by the CSU SER Student Guild – Guest speaker will be Dr. Tom Kaye. Currently planned for February, 2016. More info under the student guild section of the minutes.
- **CeRSER/ASLA Spring Workshop**
 - Planning a joint workshop in Denver with the American Society for Landscape Architects. The first planning meeting was held on December 1, 2016.
 - The committee is currently planning for to hold a full day workshop on a Thursday or Friday in late March. They are not sure on the venue yet, but perhaps the Denver Botanical Gardens or REI, which both have large meeting facilities. There is also discussion about planning a Pub Talk for the night before or night of the workshop.
 - They are anticipating about 80-100 people and the proposed theme centers around “urban ecology and landscape connectivity”.
 - ASLA have about 500 members in Colorado so there are chances for a lot of new recruitment. The committee is currently drafting A MOU about sharing costs and profits.
 - The CeRSER scientific committee offered help with this event. This is a great opportunity to collaborate with other local organizations such as Colorado University in Denver and the Denver Botanical Gardens.
- **Seed Network**
 - Randy or Casey will introduce CeRSER before the keynote that we are sponsoring.
- **Outreach budget**
 - At the CeRSER officers meeting, the board approved a \$3000 annual outreach budget. This allows the outreach committee to internally make decisions for events without the need to get approvals for each line item. This budget was set based on past approved costs for events, and permits \$500 for four Pub Talks and \$1000 for one workshop a year.

Student Guild Report

- **Colorado State University** (Hannah Riedl)
 - Dr. Tom Kaye has accepted their invitation to present at their 'Pub Talk'. The guild is not officially calling it a Pub Talk so they can get funding from CSU to help sponsor the event.
 - [Dr. Kaye](#) is an Associate Professor for the Institute for Applied Ecology at Oregon State University. The guild has offered him a \$750 stipend for travel and lodging. The event is planned for February 16th and 17th, 2016. The Talk will be at [Avogadro's Number](#) in Fort Collins and will follow a morning meet-and-greet on campus.
 - He will be here for a couple days, so there may be an opportunity to coordinate with the UW Guild as well. Perhaps they could organize a field tour or something, maybe at Campbell Valley? Hannah will send details to Kristina, who will bring it up with the UW Guild.
 - The Guild is asking CeRSER for \$300 to sponsor the food for the event. This will provide \$250 for Avo's Talk, and \$50 for bagels at the morning meeting. A vote was cast and Chapter meeting attendees approved the sponsorship of \$300.
- **University of Wyoming** (Kristina Hufford)
 - No Guild specific information to relay at this time.
 - The Petroleum Association of Wyoming is hosting their Reclamation Conference on December 9, 2015 in Casper, Wyoming ([2015 PAW Reclamation Conference](#)). Jayne will post this information on our CeRSER events page.

SER Global Update (Brett Wolk)

- Brett sent our CeRSER Chapter feedback on the global restructure to Bethanie Walden, SER President. Overall, the restructure is going to benefit CeRSER. The biggest change for our Chapter is the fee structure change, which stipulates that if you join SER, you have to join a Chapter as well. This will likely benefit us with increased membership. Another benefit is that the North American (NA) Chapters agree that they want a major meeting in NA more than every four to six years. To further discuss this, there will be an all Chapters Meeting in April 2016 at the [SERNW 2016 Conference](#) in Portland.
- An issue CeRSER has with the restructure is the restoration certification program that SER is proposing. CeRSER members that have weighed in on this decision are in favor of more training but not a certification.

HAR-CeRSER 2017 Conference Update (Mark Paschke and Cini Brown)

- The scientific committee has not started planning the conference yet but Mark will be scheduling the first meeting soon.
- The main issue at this time is reserving the facility. Do we want to have it in Fort Collins or Denver?

- There was discussion at the meeting about hosting the potential NA Meeting in 2018. There was no official vote on this but some favor hosting HAR-CeRSER Meeting again as oppose to organizing a new conference.

Upcoming CeRSER Officer Elections

- We need an Election Committee to solicit nomination for the Vice President / President-elect position as the term is up at the end of the year.
 - Megan was on the committee last election and will draft the election notice. Andrea will send the notice to the membership.

Additional Business

- **Suggested Bylaw Edits**
 - ACTION ITEM: Vote to approve bylaw edits. Mark will resend for board approval.

Next Meeting

- General Meeting
 - January 19, 2016 from 1:00-2:00pm
 - Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, Forestry Building, Rm 114.
- Call in number: 970-491-2602



Figure: December 2, 2015, round table at the CeRSER Chapter Meeting at Colorado State University.