



Central Rockies SER Meeting Summary

Wednesday, January 19, 2015, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Attendance: 13

Fort Collins: Mark Paschke, Randy Mandel, Andrea Borkenhagen, Kelly Uhing, Brett Wolk, Casey Cisneros, Steve Hauptli, Jeremy Sueltenfuss, Lindsay Ringer, and Magda Garbowski.

Calling in: Megan Bowes, Susan Sherrod, and Denise Arthur.

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

Election results

- Landslide win for Tim Hoelzle for our new Chapter Vice-President/President-Elect.
- The CeRSER board officially transitioned positions during this meeting.
 - Tim is the elected vice-president, Brett Wolk becomes president, Randy Mandel to past-president, and Mark Paschke to no-longer-responsible.
- Thank you to Megan Bowes for leading the election.
- More information on our board members [here](#).

President's Report (Randy Mandel and Brett Wolk):

- Continued thanks to the board and committees for organizing upcoming events and opportunities for chapter members. Randy is happy to pass the baton to an eager president in waiting. Brett is excited to now be at the helm and continue to grow the chapter.

Treasurer Report (Kelly Uhing):

- Balance is \$ 17,163.53
- Our balance did not change much since the December meeting. Only debit was for a board meeting luncheon (\$90).
- The new debit cards are in and ready to be used at chapter events.
- Upcoming expenses:
 - CeRSER-ALSA-DBG March 2016 Workshop – exact cost for this has not been confirmed, but is not expected to exceed the annual workshop budget of \$1000.
 - The CeRSER board voted to provide a \$500 scholarship to a student presenting at the 2016 SERNW Regional Conference.
- T-shirt inventory
 - **ACTION ITEM:** Randy has the shirts at his house and will provide us with an inventory. He will pass the shirts to Andrea Borkenhagen at Colorado State University (CSU) so we have them for the [Tom Kaye Student Guild event](#).

Secretary Report (Andrea Borkehagen)

- **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** We received our 4th quarter chapter report from SER on January 8th, 2016 and currently have 98 members, four of which are new members. The new members are Elizabeth Pansing (Academia, Denver, CO), David Varner (Private Sector, Grand Junction, CO), Lindsay Ringer (Academia, Fort Collins, CO), and Aaron Kimple (Non-profit/Non-governmental, Durango, CO).
- Since November, 2015, we have lost 10 members, as we used to have 104. The loss could be from people who signed-up for the SER conference last year and did not renew this year. The membership committee should reach out to these expired members and encourage their renewal.

Membership Report (Casey Cisneros)

- The membership committee has an official list of [five contributing members](#). Their next meeting is January, 29th at 1pm. Casey Cisneros is spearheading the committee's inception and encourages any interested members to join for the meeting or participate in the group. A chair will be selected at the next board elections in April.
- Tim is currently updating the brochure and will produce a printed version before the March workshop.
- The meeting participants discussed how the membership committee could also help to foster the creation of additional student associations. Currently, CSU is the only recognized student guild in our region. The University of Wyoming is currently going through the process of becoming an official SER student guild but it is not official yet.

Outreach Report (Casey Cisneros)

- **CeRSER-ASLA-DBG Spring Workshop**
 - The committee continues to work on organizing this workshop and networking mixer event on March 31, held at the Denver Botanical Gardens. This event is jointly hosted by CeRSER, American Society of Landscape Architects and Denver Botanic Gardens. This workshop is planned for the spring to coincide with the timing of our biannual scientific meeting.
 - The event is focused on Urban Restoration. The organizers are still tweaking the agenda and hope to have registration open by early February. The event goal is to attract about 100-150 people. The current plan is to kick-off the workshop around 12 or 1pm, have a few talks from invited presenters and then wrap-up with a networking and cash-bar social hour.
- The next event will likely be a summer HAR field tour event, currently planned to be in the San Juan Mountains.

Student Guild Report

- **Colorado State University** (Magda Garbowski)
 - [Tamarisk Coalition Conference](#), February 9-11, 2016. Five students received scholarships to attend the conference and field trips.

- [Visiting Scientist Tom Kaye](#) will be at CSU from February 15-17' 2016. Four events are scheduled.
 - 1) Feb 15, day: [Campbell Valley](#) restoration tour with Nate Bachman from [Wildlands Restoration Volunteers](#). In the afternoon, students and other interested SER members will take a CSU van or carpool to Campbell Valley to learn about the site's disturbance and restoration efforts.
 - 2) Feb 16, 1-2pm: [Forestry department](#) luncheon seminar about reintroduction ecology theory, practice, and implementation. The department is providing pizza.
 - 3) Feb 16, 5-7pm: Pub Talk event at [Avogadro's number](#) where Tom will speak about the golden paintbrush as an example of rare species introduction.
 - 4) Feb 17, 9-10am: Informal meet and greet brunch on campus.
 - The student guild is applying for funding with ASCSU so that more students are able to attend these events, not just student guild members. This will hopefully increase membership. CeRSER will advertise the event on our listserv and can help pay for transportation to Campbell Valley if needed.
- The student guild is currently working with a couple of organizations to schedule more events. They would like to partner with WRV and/or the center for collaborative conservation to plan an outreach event with youth. They have reached out to schools and one middle school is really interested. More info to come. The guild is also working with another campus student group to create a native plant display garden this spring and would also like to schedule an event for earth day. They are currently growing plants for their native plant sale, which they hope to expand into farmers markets in addition to their campus location.
- **University of Wyoming**
 - No update today.

SER Global Update (Brett Wolk)

- SER global update is moving forward. In general the restructure seems very reasonable and will position SER to be successful into the future. The main item that seems questionable is the creation of a SER restoration ecologist certification. The CeRSER board does not support this initiative but are pleased with the rest of the restructure.
- At the April 2016 SERNW Regional Conference, there will be an all chapter meeting to discuss the creation of a North American SER conference. It has not yet been clarified how many chapter members can attend the meeting via call-in video, but this will likely be an option for some.

Upcoming CeRSER Officer Elections

- The chair position of all four CeRSER committees and the secretary officer position will be up for election in April 2016.

- The current board needs to recruit new people to fill these positions as officers cannot be committee chairs. Nine individual people needed to run this ship. All positions are two year terms. More information [here](#).

Additional Business

- **Suggested Bylaw Edits**
 - The board approved the updated bylaws. The main changes were to create new committees and have two student representatives on the board.
 - CeRSER now has four official committees: outreach, membership, communications, and the scientific meeting committee. Currently, only the outreach committee has a chair (Casey) as the other three are new or were inactive. Chair positions for the other three will be selected during our April elections. Brett has asked that all committees and interim chairs have meetings to kick-start their plan for the next few months.
 - Student representatives now have two seats on the CeRSER board. Each student organization gets a student representative (one per school). If we have more than two guilds in the future, the guilds will have an internal election to vote for the two that will sit on the CeRSER board.
 - The attending meeting members voted to approve bylaw edits.
- **Student Scholarship for [2016 SERNW Regional Conference](#)**
 - Meeting attendees decided to provide a scholarship of \$500 to support a student to attend the SERNW Regional Conference in April. Andrea and Jeremy Sueltenfuss volunteered to be on the scholarship committee to advertise, review applications, and select a winner based on their proposal. Preference will be given to applicants that are giving a poster or presentations. This will be a quick turnaround as the deadline for submitting abstracts for a presentation is the end of January.

Next Meeting

- March 8, 2016 from 12:00-1:00pm
- Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, Forestry Building, Rm 114.
- Call in number: 970-491-2601

CSU Society for Ecological Restoration

presents

Dr. Tom Kaye



02/15 Campbell Valley Field Trip 1:00 - 4:00

Join WRV & Dr. Kaye for a tour of an on-going project to repair gullies up to 40 ft deep!

RSVP by 02/07 to CSUstudentSER@gmail.com

02/16 Forestry 127 1:00-2:00

Pizza!

Reintroduction Ecology of endangered plants: Theory, practice, and partnerships

02/16 Avogadro's Number 5:00-7:00

Appetizers!

Using ecology as a stick: Beating back extinction of golden paintbrush

02/17 LSC 300 9:00-10:00

Q&A Breakfast with Dr. Kaye

Coffee and Breakfast!

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Figure: Advertisement for the Tom Kaye CSU-SER Student Guild Event.