



Central Rockies SER Meeting Summary

Wednesday, March 8, 2015, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Attendance: 11

Fort Collins: Mark Paschke, Andrea Borkenhagen, Casey Cisneros, Jesse Dillion, Tim Hoelzle, Hannah Riedl, Lindsay Ringer, and Magda Garbowski.

Calling in: Susan Sherrod, Randy Mandel, and Brett Wolk.

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

Treasurer Report (Tim Hoelzle):

- Balance is \$ 16,573.08
- Expenses since January:
 - [\\$500 Student Scholarship](#) awarded to Carla DeMasters to support student travel to SERNW 2016 Regional Conference
 - \$547.70 as a catering down payment (25% of total) for the upcoming ALSA-DBG-CeRSER Urban Restoration Workshop on March 31, 2016.
- Tim does not have direct access to the CeRSER bank at the moment. He is still in the process of transitioning with the past-treasurer Kelly Uhing. He expects to have full access and signing authority in the next few weeks.
- Actions Item: Send Tim an inventory of the number of t-shirts (Randy) and the amount of cash t-shirt money we have (Andrea).

Secretary Report (Andrea Borkenhagen)

- We have not received a new member list since our 4th quarter chapter report from SER on January 8th, 2016. At that time, we were listed as having 98 members.
- On March 1st, 2016, we submitted our 2015 annual chapter report to SER. We highlighted all the events and collaborations we initiated over the year. This included the HAR-CeRSER conference, pub talks, and technical workshops.

Membership Report (Lindsay Ringer)

- Mark Paschke has reached out to contacts at University of Denver, Western State Colorado University, and a few other local institutions to encourage their involvement and establishing a SER student chapter.
- At our Urban Ecology Symposium at the Denver Botanical Gardens (March 31), we will have a membership booth to recruit new members and sell t-shirts. We can have new members sign up on the SER website with our ipad. Randy Mandel will bring the t-shirts.
- Lindsay has a list of people from the Tom Kaye lunchtime seminar that are interested in becoming members. This can be sent to Casey Cisneros who will delegate people on the membership committee to contact these people and encourage them to join CeRSER.

Communications Report (Andrea Borkenhagen)

- The membership committee had their first meeting last week. They agreed to develop a template for outreach and others to use to help develop advertising material. This template is currently in draft and will be circulated to the board before the next event.
- Currently, the secretary sends the intro email to new members and most general chapter emails. These tasks will be moved to the communications committee.

Outreach Report (Casey Cisneros)

- **CeRSER-ASLA-DBG Spring Workshop**
 - About 50 people are currently enrolled. Golder offered to support up to 25 students. So far, six scholarships have been awarded to CSU SER students. We were giving priority to SER students but can now open it up to other student on campus, like those from the landscape architecture department. CSU SER will send out another reminder to their student members and then open it up to other groups next week. It would be good to use these scholarships to recruit SER members.
- The next event is not currently scheduled.

Student Guild Report

- **Colorado State University (Magda Garbowski)**
 - Tim Kaye event recap: Overall, the event was good but the student group plan to make some changes for the next speaker they host. Three days was a bit long and they would shorten to two next time. They recognized that there was a lack of diversity in the meetings they scheduled Tom Kaye. He met with older male faculty on campus and they would like to target for more younger and female faculty next time. They also plan to lean less on ASCSU student group for money and ask CSU departments for support instead. ASCSU has a lot of money to give to student groups every year, but has a lot of stipulations on how it is spent and you have to apply for the funding far in advance of the event. Tom had to front all the costs and wait almost a month after the event to be reimbursed. Attendance varied for the events. The lunch time seminar had about 20 people, there were about 30 at Avos, and 15 at the panel. They received great feedback about the panel. Tom sent a thank you email as well and said he enjoyed his visit. They are thinking of trying to get someone in in the fall or spring around the conference time.
- **University of Wyoming**
 - No update.

SER Global Update (Brett Wolk)

- Chapter relations working group meeting update on February 16
 - All the chapters from around the world were able to call in for this. Brett and our regional rep, Daniel Spencer, was also on the call. There was one rep from SER Europe all others were from North America. SER discussed plans to reduce the

size of their board, elect continental representatives, standardize chapter membership fees, and create organizational/business memberships. SER is forging ahead with the restoration certification and plan to have it implemented by the end of 2016. They are creating a new organization that will deliver the certification program and hold all the financial and liability commitments. Chapters will not be responsible for the certification program. Certain events that chapters host can be applied as credit towards certification but it will not add much more work to chapter duties.

Upcoming CeRSER Officer Elections

- Megan Bowes has agreed to run this election. We will open nominations this week and advertise the positions we have open, which is four committee chairs and two officers. We will plan to have nominations open for about two weeks. If there are more than one nomination, we have an election around the beginning of April. The positions all have a two year term that would start in April. Voting will end on April 15th so we can make an announcement on the April 19th meeting. Andrea will work with Megan to finalize a nomination email.
- The newly created student representative position has been filled by Hannah Riedl who was nominated to represent the student groups. Congratulations Hannah. This is a one year commitment. Two student rep positions are available so the Wyoming chapter needs to nominate a student for the board position.

Additional Business

- **Brochure**
 - Tim and others are still working on the brochure. They are working with the SER template and adding CeRSER specific information. They will finalize it and circulate to the board with cost estimates on printing. This will be done by March 30th so they are available for the Urban Restoration Symposium.
- **Scientific Committee**
 - They have not had a meeting yet. The HAR organization has decided to host the meeting so the next step is to have CeRSER agree to co-host. The student center is currently held for us for 2017 and there is an agreement drafted for us to sign and confirm the reservation. Brett, as president, or the upcoming treasurer could sign this document. There should be an official scientific committee meeting first before the board decides to sign. This scientific committee needs to be very large and the more people the better to organize this event. Hannah, Magda, Brett, Andrea, and Randy expressed interest in participating. Mark will schedule a committee meeting to discuss the next steps.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday, April 19th, 12pm-1pm
- Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, Forestry Building, Rm 114.
- Call in number: 970-491-2606