



Central Rockies SER Meeting Summary
Tuesday, April 19, 2016, 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Teleconference

Attendance: 5

Fort Collins: (Andrea Borkenahgen, Casey Cisneros, Hana Riedl were at CSU but unable to connect to the conference line)

Calling in: Randy Mandel, Brett Wolk, Megan Bowes, Aaron Kimple, Jayne Jonas.

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

CeRSER Officer Elections

- Megan Bowes ran this election and reported that it went very smoothly.
- New Board members
 - Treasurer: Casey Cisneros (term April 2016 – 2017)
 - Secretary: Magda Garbowski (term April 2016 – 2018)
 - Student Rep: Hannah Riedl (term April 2016-2017)
- New Committee chairs
 - Outreach committee chair (by e-lection): Susan Sherrod (term April 2016 – 2018)
 - Membership committee chair: Jessica Olsen (term April 2016 – 2018)
 - Scientific committee chair: Mark Paschke (term April 2016 – 2018)
 - Communications committee chair: Jayne Jonas (term April 2016 – 2018)

Treasurer Report

- Brett breezed through the Treasurer report at the end of the meeting. Here is a detailed summary sent in from our temporary treasurer Tim Hoelzle:
- Current balance:
 - \$11,918.70
- Recent expenses:
 - \$3,226.92 for catering of CO ASLA/CeRSER/DBG symposium
 - \$1,696.00 for printing of 2,000 CeRSER info brochures
 - \$500 student scholarship to attend SER NW conference
- Recent credits:
 - \$243 in membership fees for 2015 Q4
- Upcoming credits/expenses:
 - \$900 stipend for Keith Bowers to speak at the ASLA/CeRSER/DBG symposium
 - Expected reimbursement of \$4,126.92 and \$100-\$150 in profit share for CO ASLA/CeRSER/DBG symposium
 - \$399 in membership fees for 2016 Q1
- New expected balance: \$15,645

Secretary Report

- Secretary not at meeting, no update given

Membership Report

- Brett quickly summarized membership status, with approximately 80ish members we are losing membership rapidly as people who joined while registering for the 2015 HAR-CeRSER

conference are not renewing. We should craft a strategy to retain more members, but not too worried as most people will renew again for 2017 CeRSER conference.

- Neither Aaron Kimple nor Brett Wolk have had recent contact with Julie Korb at Fort Lewis about establishing a student chapter, need to follow up.
- Brett recently checked with SER Global office and the UWYO student chapter has not registered as a SER student guild yet. Randy will follow up with Kristina Hufford to make sure the proper paperwork is filed.

Communications Report

- Nothing new to report since the March CeRSER meeting

Outreach Report

- CeRSER-ASLA-DBG Spring Workshop Recap (Megan Bowes and Randy Mandel)
 - About 130 people attended the March 31 workshop, most attendees were landscape architects. Randy noted that some traveled from Aspen/Vail to attend. Event ran smoothly; talks were more focused on landscape architecture than restoration ecology. Casey and Chris did a great job organizing the event.
 - Good way to reach out to other people, but need to explore how to build on it. It was challenging to meet everyone's needs for such a diverse group. Also would like to have more talks of shorter length. The talks went too long and were not on diverse topics. Randy said it was difficult to hear many of the speakers, and a floor mike would have been handy.
 - Need to start a synopsis of lessons learned from hosting events to provide guidance for people to plan events in the future. Also thanks to Rebecca Huft for working with DBG to get room set up and donated.
- Randy suggested that Mark Weinhold (fluvial geomorphologist with USFS) could give a CeRSER-sponsored field talk about his work on Crooked Creek near Sylvan Lake in the WRNF. Randy suggested dates could coincide with the HAR summer field tour.
- Brett would like the Outreach Committee to schedule a 1-day training or workshop for fall. It would be ideal to have dates set prior to the summer field season beginning.
- Planning is underway for the HAR-CeRSER Summer Field Tour, likely to be held the second week of July 2016. The committee is planning to hold the tour in the San Juan Mountains and to be based out of Durango. They are also hoping to partner with the Mountain Studies Institute. Sites chosen for the tour will likely reflect the interests of each sponsoring group. The tour may be extended to 3 days (from the usual 2 days) and offer training or workshop opportunities. More to be decided.
- CeRSER voted to support 1 meal during the tour and did not establish a set amount to contribute. CeRSER will work with HAR to make sure costs are reasonable.

Student Guild Reports

- **Colorado State University (Magda Garbowski via email)**
 - Thank you Randy and Golder for supporting student attendance to the SER/ASLA conference in Denver a few weeks ago. Also, we had some success selling t-shirts and recruiting people to sign up for the student club.
 - RMNP - We had a successful volunteer day at RNMP a few weeks ago - way to go Lindsay Ringer on leading!
 - Plant sale on campus May 2nd and 3rd outside of Warner and May 7 at the Farmer's Market on Drake. Please advertise... its right around mothers day and spring planting time. Who doesn't want beautiful native plants for their home or garden?

- On campus pollinator garden - We have approval to develop a pollinator habitat garden in three planter boxes outside of the weed lab on Pitkin. Partnering with SEEDs and ASLA club at CSU (woo hoo for connecting with landscape architecture students at the DBG conference!) We are hoping to get one bed planted before the semester ends and the other two in Fall 2016.
- Student guild officer elections for 2016/2017 - Monday, April 25 at 1pm in NR 201. We are handing off the baton!
- Brett should talk with Magda to connect with Crystal Strouse about pollinators to use in the shared garden with ASLA.
- **University of Wyoming**
 - No update.

2017 CeRSER-HAR Scientific Meeting

- Dates have been set for March 7-9, 2017 at Lory Student Center, CSU. The dates and location were agreed upon by the HAR and CeRSER boards. CeRSER can start 'Save the Date' advertising.
- Planning the event will begin soon. Contact Mark Paschke if interested in serving on the Scientific Meeting Committee.

SER Global Update (Randy Mandel)

- Randy (via teleconference) and Tim (in person) attended meeting of North American SER chapters at the SERNW meeting earlier this month. There are 11 SER chapters in North America and each will choose a representative to serve on the SER North American board. Ideally, the rep from each chapter will have experience with SER Global and their chapter board. Randy suggested that this could be a role for the CeRSER Past President to fill. There was general agreement about this among CeRSER members.
 - North American group of SER is proposing to hold a biennial meeting with regions "bidding" to host the meeting but chapters working together to organize the meeting
 - They also discussed the importance of outreach events and used CeRSER's success with pubtalks as an example. Chapters should also work together on courses and trainings to facilitate knowledge transfer.
 - The certified restoration ecologist program seems to be moving forward in the SE Chapters. SER Global may provide financial support to chapters for providing workshops and trainings that can be used toward certification. Randy suggested that CeRSER could continue to try partnering with other organizations in our region as there are many good workshops and trainings already being offered (for example, by the Colorado Native Plant Society).

Additional Business

- **Message board for advertising jobs (Megan Bowes)**
 - Generally feeling that forwarding job announcements to CeRSER listsev is working well, but Jayne will discuss other possible options with Communications Committee.

Next Meeting

- When and Where TBD