

SUBJECT: Minutes for Friday, Oct. 12th 2012 CeRSER Meeting

FROM: Randy Mandel, President Elect (Brett Wolk, Secretary was unable to take minutes)

Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm.

Attendance:

In person – Mark Paschke, Randy Mandel, Andrea Borkenhagen, Jonas Finestein, Steve Yokam, Christina Hufford. Phone – Claire DeLeo, Brett Wolk, Chris Rutledge, Denise Arthur.

Mark noted that not everyone attending was currently a member and should join accordingly.

2012 Election Results:

Mark Paschke – President
Randy Mandel – Vice President (President Elect)
Chris Rutledge – Past President
Brett Wolk – Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report:

CeRSER Treasurer's report (Submitted by Brett Wolk) 10/12/2012

Current balance: \$14,912.03.

Deposits: August quarterly check from SER (dues): \$117.

Recent Expenses:

\$807.02 to CSU Student Guild over last 3 years for food and supplies

\$285 to HAR for 2012 conference

\$200 to HAR 2012 conference honorarium

\$500 to High Park fire symposium

\$500 to Colorado Riparian Association

????? to HAR for summer 2012 field tour.

Randy is selling T-shirts to make more money. Offer to current members!!

Still waiting to receive final papers from Tom for official account transition, then will drop Lisa Tasker and Tom from account. Brett, Randy, and Chris Rutledge will remain on account.

Past President's Report (Rutledge):

Chris thanked all of the meeting participants as well as Tom Grant for their efforts and for their assistance with reinvigoration of CeRSER. He is very encouraged by all the new momentum.

Chris spoke of CeRSER's partnership efforts with other groups and conferences, such as Colorado Riparian Association (CRA) and the Ecological Society of America (ESA).

The attendees thanked Chris and Tom for their efforts for holding CeRSER together during its quiescence.

Changes to the Bylaws (attached as Exhibit 2) (Paschke):

Mark stated that the bylaws as distributed could be simplified:

1. First Recommended Change: Update the definition of Ecological Restoration to the current definition as accepted by SER.
2. Second Recommended Change: "Objectives"
 - a. Re-order objective "c" and "d" as "a" and "b" priorities and move the current "a" to a lower priority.
 - b. Include "b" as implicit in "e".
 - c. Include "a" as implicit in "c".
 - d. "f" should include not for profits as well as the general public.

Chris reviewed the basic tenants of the mission statement. Chris also stated that it was good to highlight these for new members and to better define and foster initiatives.

Chris also suggested that the officer term should be changed from 1 yr. to a longer term, including leadership transitioning. Accordingly a two-year imbricated term will be utilized.

The Vice-President position was changed to President-elect.

Changes continued:

3. External advisory board is non-existent and non-practical.
4. Visit with Carolyn Browning (Rep. from SER Parent Group) to update and communicate any changes to Articles V and VI
5. Article VII: Shouldn't worry about
6. Article VIII:
 - a. Separate Secretary/Treasurer to individual Secretary and Treasurer positions.
 - b. There are currently 42 active members in CeRSER. We are hoping to increase.
 - c. Claire offered to scan older newsletters. Mark will check with Chris to see if these are already available as archives.
 - d. Will have a formal election for Treasurer position next meeting. Mark and Randy will contact Denise (last name?) from last meeting during HAR to see if she's still interested.
 - e. Section 4: As noted above change terms to staggered two-year for all positions.
7. Article IX:
 - a. Duties should be maintained.
 - b. Outreach Committee should be prioritized. Can be maintained and prioritized through web.
 - c. Combine "c" and "e".

- d. Could include supporting emails. Should update members are events and projects through email.
 - e. CeRSER may wish to elect a Communication Committee. We should utilize the new website for this. However we need to be able to log-in to access the webpage so that we can update it accordingly.
8. Article X:
- a. Update to every other year.
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- a. Update to every other year.
 - b. Some of the specifics need to be changed: "b", "c", and "f" need to be worked on.
 - c. Want to increase student guild representation on board. Either the President or an elected representative should represent the Student Guild on Board.
10. Article XIV:
- a. Majority vote should include voting by email and/or electronic means.

Officers will take a stab at changing the bylaws then circulating for group approval

Chapter Goals:

1. Recruiting new members should be first and foremost.
2. CeRSER should tie-in and form cooperative relationships with other groups such as High Altitude Revegetation Committee (HAR), Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS), and the International Erosion Control Association (IECA).
3. CeRSER should co-sponsor meetings and keynote speakers.

Next Meeting: December 11, 2012 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at CSU.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30pm.