

**CeRSER Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 11, 2012**  
**12:00 ~ 2:00**  
**Room 100 Natural Resources Building, CSU Campus**  
**Phone in number: 970-491-2606**

Agenda

1. Attendance:

In Person: Mark Paschke, Brett Wolk, Jayne Jonas, Steve Yochum, Casey Cisneros, Shawna Zimmerman, Eric Anderson, Carolyn Browning. Phone: Tim Hoelzle, Kristina Hufford, Randy Mendel, Claudia Brown, Toney Ott.

2. Treasurer's report for Dec 11, 2012 (Wolk):

Current balance: \$15,068.03

Expenses since last report (Oct 12, 2012): None

Income since last report (Oct 12, 2012): \$156.00 – CeRSER member dues

Outstanding issues:

- Need to contribute \$500 to HAR for sponsorship of summer field tour.
- Collect money from t-shirt sales from Randy.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was affirmed.

3. Minutes from the October meeting:

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting, which was affirmed.

4. Ratification of the revised bylaws (distributed by email):

Mark asked for comments about any changes that should be made to the bylaws or comments about edits made to the bylaws by the board. Mark pointed out that we split the duties of treasurer and secretary into two positions. Brett Wolk is currently the Secretary//Treasurer. Brett will stay as Secretary. Nominations will be taken via email for a new Treasurer and elections will be conducted at or before the next meeting. Members indicated the bylaws looked great and thanked Mark for his work on the edits.

Motion to approve the revised chapter bylaws was affirmed.

5. SER world meeting, October 2013:

Carolyn provided an update from the SER board meeting held earlier in the day. The SER world meeting will be held in Madison, WI, in October 2013. Carolyn suggested that CeRSER organize a symposium focused on restoration topics in the Rocky Mountains. Carolyn said the session proposal deadline was extended and the SER board encouraged the Central Rockies chapter to organize a session at the conference. Mark suggested a broad topic for the session to include restoration throughout the Rockies. Mark said himself and David Cooper could potentially speak and would encourage some of their students to also

speak. Kristina indicated she was planning to attend the conference and could participate along with some students in a CeRSER session, and mentioned Dan Doak, who is no longer at UW, as a good candidate.

Carolyn said paperwork and a broad proposal needed to be in to SER by Monday to organize a session at the conference.

Claudia mentioned several potential speakers for the CeRSER session:

- David Patrick
- Mike Sprague and Travis Morris from Headwaters Inc. Travis would be a more engaging speaker.
- Palmer Hugh – wrote EPA wetland guidelines for restoration.

Carolyn suggested using CeRSER funds to support student participation in the conference and she felt it was not appropriate to use chapter funds to support consultants and professionals. Other members agreed. Mark then made a motion to offer up to three \$500 student scholarships to support students making a presentation in the CeRSER special session at the 2013 SER world conference in Wisconsin. The motion was approved.

It was discussed that Carolyn, Steve Bozak, and the CeRSER board would decide how to award the student scholarships if more than 3 students applied. Criteria would be based on applicability of student research to the CeRSER region and interests.

Carolyn suggested the chapter should formally solicit sponsorship for the conference from membership.

Mark also indicated that the CSU Student Guild will use some of its own funds to support students attending the SER conference.

Carolyn suggested we have a CeRSER mixer at the SER world conference and volunteered to organize it. The suggestion was approved.

#### 6. CeRSER web page updating

Mark brought to our attention that there is a new SER logo and website design in the past month. CeRSER has a meager webpage, but it should be updated to be useful to membership. Mark then asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to be Webmaster.

Suggestions for what the website should entail included happenings in restoration ecology in the region, including job postings, meetings, trainings, and workshops.

Carolyn suggested the chapter could make the Webmaster an official position in the chapter bylaws to make the position more appealing and attract more volunteers.

Mark then gave a tour of the website for those present in the conference room. He asked members to email more pictures to post on the website.

It was decided that the board will solicit nominations and volunteers for a webmaster before the next meeting.

#### 7. Suggestions for chapter activities in 2013/2014

Mark was pleased that we have lots of new members, almost 50. He said it was time to do something as an organization and not just sit on the sidelines.

Randy suggested the chapter could host a smaller symposium. SWS puts on local talks in bars in Denver that are well received and attended. They charge \$5 for non-members to help pay for food at the events. Toney said a geomorphology group does something similar. Also opportunities are there to sponsor or host webinars.

Casey suggested the chapter could organize a field tour of a restoration site in the summer. Randy indicated SWS asked him and Denise to teach a class on wetland restoration, maybe this could be combined with a CeRSER event.

Kristina said the native plant master program recently expanded from just Colorado to include Wyoming and Utah. The group is looking for speakers of plant restoration topics.

Mark and others liked the idea of holding informal talks in a pub setting. Mark suggested we should start a committee to look at organizing pub talks and a summer workshop.

It was brought up that the chapter could have a blog, Facebook, or other media besides a website. Steve said those duties could be split amongst several people to lessen the time commitment. Carolyn suggested paying the webmaster a small amount to make sure it gets done. It was decided the chapter isn't quite active enough for those media yet.

Claudia suggested CeRSER could be an umbrella organization for lots of specialty natural resource groups, bringing together experts and information from all aspects of restoration. Mark suggested a mechanism is for the chapter to find a good restoration project and organize experts from all types of disciplines to speak about the project. Casey thought the High Park fire would be a good opportunity. Claudia mentioned that there will be a conference in April in Wyoming focused on fire restoration.

Carolyn said she was working on a series of restoration ecology books and that CeRSER could help write a chapter.

The board agreed to solicit proposals for potential workshops and pub talks.

Carolyn and Toney then gave brief introductions and Carolyn indicated there are opportunities to join the SER board in many capacities and the chapter can lean on the board for whatever we need help with.

Along the lines of seeking suggestions, Denise could give a pub talk related to her new book.

Carolyn then indicated that we should have a draft proposal for the SER World Conference done by this Friday Dec 14<sup>th</sup>, and it would need to be sent to SER by Monday the 17<sup>th</sup>. Kristin will advertise for speakers at UW and try to drum up student interest in the travel grants, Mark will work on getting speakers from CSU.

#### 8. Next meeting

It was decided the next meeting will be Tuesday January 15<sup>th</sup> at noon at CSU.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 1:15pm.