



Central Rockies SER Meeting Summary **Wednesday, February 15, 2017 - 1:00pm - 2:00pm** **Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO**

Attendance:

Fort Collins: Brett Wolk (President), Mark Paschke (Chair – Scientific committee meeting), Hannah Riedl (Student Representative), Jayne Jonas (Communications Committee chair), Casey Cisneros (Treasurer)

Calling in:

Tim Hoelzle (Vice President), Randy Mandel (Past president), Susan Sherrod (Chair of Outreach committee), Sabrina Camin (recently moved from Arizona to Lakewood).

December meeting summary was approved and posted to the CeRSER website:

<http://chapter.ser.org/centralrockies/newsletters/>

Agenda (check the [events calendar on the website](#) for agenda updates):

1. President's Report: Communications committee reviewed mission statement and felt uninspired. Mission statement/bylaws will be updated. A banner will be displayed at the conference, with the international SER's mission in place temporarily.
2. Recent SER International statement on US government environmental policy *did* request input from regional chapters, but it was a quick turnaround, so did not solicit all member feedback. Executive director, Bethanie, sent the policy statement, which probably required SER International board approval. If our chapter would like to push for more checks and balances on this type of thing, we can contact the international board. Bethanie will attend the HAR CeRSER conference, so we can speak with her then.

2. Treasurer's Report

- Total Balance: \$15,047.16
- Since last Board meeting (Sept. 28th, 2016) Quarter 3 chapter membership dues were deposited (\$217.50) and two (\$50) sponsorships for the Colorado Springs Pub Talk.
- Expenses for food at the Colorado Springs Pub talk (\$362.74) has been withdrawn.
- International SER is changing payment format. Instead of quarterly membership checks, we will begin to receive checks annually.
- Last conference revenue totaled about \$14,933.... Casey anticipates at least \$4,000 profit from conference.
- Historic CeRSER box discovered containing financial documents from the 90s (to be shredded), old checks (to be shredded), and ~\$100 (to deposited).

3. Secretary's Report

- 89 Members according to the new CeRSER webpage – this closely matches with the Q3 report from late October 2016 and reflects current CeRSER members. Students are in a different section but can also be found via the CeRSER webpage.
- Magda has contacted Marguerite to sort out some glitches:
 - o Reviewing expired memberships
 - o Affiliations with groups (Mark P, Magda, Hannah all show up as affiliated with CSU student chapter but not CeRSER)
- Cleaning up listserve
 - o Magda, Jess, Brett and Tim will coordinate action to clean-up the list.

3. Membership Committee Report

- Created an email address (cersermembership@gmail.com) so members can address questions to one source instead of all our personal email addresses. Jayne will put on the website. It will be membership committee chair's responsibility to maintain this email. Will help maintain continuity as people come and go
- Developed a survey for the HAR CeRSER conference to see what services they like and would like to see improved on
- Also at conference, there will be a CeRSER meeting lunch

5. Outreach Committee Report

- Which website should CeRSER use – National platform or current wordpress.
- Pubtalk had ~60 people in attendance (though only ~3 CeRSER members). Stimulated a lot of interest in signing up (~15 people). \$100 in cash sponsorship. Venue donated space, beer and wine. Total costs = \$250. Thanks to Amber Shanklin for organizing. Reported from Colorado Springs Independent wrote a blog post called "Trails in Waldo Canyon Closed for Foreseeable Future." Not necessarily the moral of the story, but nice publicity.
- Golden pub talk coming up, proposed to be hosted in April
- Brett is thinking about doing a pub talk in Jackson Hole, proposed for Wednesday April 19th
- For folks preparing pub talks, try to have information to Tim or Jayne in time for the conference. Rotating slides will advertise CeRSER events prior to talks.
- Beginning to think about hosting a workshop at the Land Trust Alliance meeting
- What do people want to hear about at these meetings? Research webinars or other ideas? Send ideas to Susan.
- HAR summer field tour coming up in June or July. What level of involvement do we want to committee?

6. [HAR-CeRSER 2017 Conference](#)

- Abstracts accepted for posters through the end of the week. Hotel block discount at sponsor hotel also ends the end of this week. Still opportunities to become a vendor or sponsor.
- Get the word out about the student/mentor mixer. Might want to propose opening the mixer up to student guilds, in which case CeRSER might need to contribute additional funds.

7. Student Guild Report

8. Additional business

Elections: Student rep and treasurer up for nominations. Announce elections near conference time, nominate someone by April. We'd like to have two student reps, to expand student guild representation beyond CSU. *No term limits*

Annual report due February 28th. Secretary should pull from meeting notes to hopefully cut and paste notes into annual report. There is also a treasurer report. Include strategic plan, feature event, log volunteer hours, communication tools launched. Magda & Casey, Tim offered to help with this annual report.

Next meeting date?

Mid April