

## Southwest Chapter SER Board of Directors Meeting, Tele-conference

January 30, 2015

**Attendees:** Laura Norman, President; Carianne Campbell, Vice President; Kathryn Thomas, Secretary; Victoria Stubbs, Treasurer; Joe Franke, NM Representative; Matthew Grabau, Representative at Large; Steve Warren, SE Utah Representative; absent Jason Eckberg, So Nevada Rep

**So. AZ rep possibility:** Steve Plath is interested in being So. AZ rep. Bylaws will be checked to determine if he can be voted in by consensus of Board members. **Follow-up:** The bylaws state: Other officers and assistant officers maybe elected or appointed by the Board at any time and for such terms as the Board deems necessary and appropriate.

**Conference:** Laura suggests December 2015 date in Tucson, and group concurs. Group discusses hiring someone to handle logistics, perhaps in the month preceding conference and partnering with other organizations for conference. Laura suggests possibilities of partnership with Cuenca los Ojos, Sky Island Alliance & Borderlands Restoration. Sponsorships, of sessions, of marketing tables, through corporations, are desirable. Kathryn volunteers to be a conference coordination lead. Alpine conference theme was general – ecological restoration in southwest and group thought this adequate for SER-SW conference. Joe suggests that some funds be reserved for scholarships, for example tribal members. **Follow-up:** Carianne will contact Gwen to set up a time for all interested to discuss conference planning.

**Webinars:** Group thinks this will be a good way to involve members. Last Tuesday of the month suggested at noon. First webinar Matt Grabau's presentation made at Alpine February 24. Will use either USGS webinar or Go-To-Meeting through SER, if available. Need to determine VOP availability through either. **Follow up:** Kathryn will check on USGS webinar VOP Matt will send abstract to Kathryn to distribute with information to members through Google list, Laura will send Board members info on accessing Google Groups

**Treasurer report:** Vicki reported chapter hasn't spent money except during formation: state registration fees, paying for 501c3. The current balance is \$3,644. The total spent since inception is \$726; total revenues have been \$4613. Of revenues \$2805 is from profit sharing from conference, \$1555 from membership dues and contributions \$253.38. Carianne will serve as second signer for SER-SW account.

**Yearly report to SER:** Kathryn will fill in initially and then send on to Carianne and Laura for completion.

**Booth at Native Seed Conference:** Laura suggested that we maintain funds for 1<sup>st</sup> annual conference rather than spend for a booth; Carianne concurred