Southwest Chapter SER Board of Directors Meeting, Tele-conference

August 8, 2016, prepared by Kathryn Thomas, Secretary

Attendees: Laura Norman (LN), President; Carianne Campbell, Vice President; Kathryn Thomas (KAT), Secretary; Victoria Stubbs, Treasurer; Matthew Grabau, Representative at Large; Steve Warren, So Utah Representative; Jason Eckberg, So Nevada Rep;

Absent Steve Plath, Arizona Representative, Travis Bean, S California Rep., Conor Flynn, NM Representative;

Bylaws

Draft 4 of bylaws edits were distributed prior to the meeting. Steve Warren sent in more comments after that draft. With Steve’s concurrence, the only revisions needed are to indicate the Nevada section is for southern Nevada, the Mojave portion of the state, and the Utah section is for southern Utah, the Colorado portion of the state.

Group passed the bylaws, with revisions noted above, by affirmative vote of all Board on the line.

Elections

The newly adopted bylaws provide for new term structures. Board positions open this election cycle are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative at Large and Arizona Southern Utah representatives.

Kathryn outlined planned process for elections:

1) Announcement made to all members of elections and call for nominations (Sept. 1),

2) Nominations accepted for two weeks (Sept 15),

3) Election committee vett nominees for their acceptance to nomination, good standing with respect to dues, and residence within chapter and/or section boundaries as appropriate

4) Nominees submit information to posted and members asked to vote,

5) Voting begins October 1,

6) Election committee tallies votes and submits results to Board.

Election committee was established: Kathryn (lead), Carianne (member communications), Jason (web publication), and Vicki (survey monkey voting).
**Conference update**

Two plenary speakers, Scott Abella and Leslie DeFalco, have agreed to speak,

**Financial report**

Balance of *, Group discussed possible uses of these funds after conference expenditures are covered. Need to be conservative with these costs as last year’s conference attendance just paid conference cost and sponsorships provided the additional income.

One suggested use of extra funds is a program to sponsor small scholarships to students involved with restoration, in the order of $500. This program may be a way to increase membership involvement. Vicki suggested she make a yearly operating budget so Board has a way to determine what costs are regularly incurred and what funds might be available for this program or other membership activities. This action to be discussed more at next meeting.

**SER North America Coordinating update**

Travis was not able to phone in, so report is postpone until next Board meeting

**Next meeting**

Laura will send out doodle for Board meeting around the end of September or beginning of October.