



SER-Rocky Mountains Meeting Summary

Thursday February 7, 2019

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM MDT

Room 402

Michael Smith Natural Resources building at CSU

Call number: 970-491-2604

In attendance: Mark Paschke (President),

Calling In: Jesse Dillon (Vice President), Michael Curran (Outreach Committee Chair), Carla DeMasters (Secretary), Randy Mandel (Scientific Committee Chair), Jayne Jonas (Communications Committee Chair)

Regrets: Casey Cisneros (Treasurer), Brett Wolk (Past-President), Jessie Olson (Membership Committee Chair)

1. Members meeting at March conference

- a. Once a year we are required to have meeting where the board can interface with members (membership meeting)
- b. Meeting would be 30 minutes
- c. ideas for Agenda
 - MP: Each member of board give a brief report, intro themselves, particularly the committees, then open up to questions and feedback.
 - RM: maybe give a perspective of what's going on executive board and also get ideas for upcoming pub talks for the year.
 - Magda and Randy give update on what's happening at national and international level.
 - MP: maybe Michael as chair of outreach could chair on pub talk ideas
 - RM: get ideas for tours that are independent of HAR
 - JJ: in past done a member survey. RM: maybe a separate circulation electronically – de coupling it from HAR.
- d. Jayne ACTION ITEM: circulate member survey before HAR/SER-RM, report on during member meeting, remind people if they haven't done it.
- e. Mark ACTION ITEM: draft agenda and circulate in next week or two.

2. Treasurer Casey is stepping down right after conference

- a. Can't have election until we have some nominations
- b. MP: need to send announcement out to larger group, need people to nominate themselves
- c. Jayne ACTION ITEM: Send out plea to membership saying we need self-nominations for treasurer.
- d. Goal to have a slate of candidates by conference time so we can have elections around that time.

3. Reports:

- a. President (Mark)

- Nothing pressing to report on.
 - Did participate in chapter leaders conference call with SER
 - Mainly talked about fund that SER has set up – skimming a portion of donations and membership fees and setting aside in small pot avail to all chapters – chapters would be able to apply for small grants in increase membership, or meeting support or support for activities, tours etc.
 - They want to form a committee to come up with plan for how to spend this \$
 - Would start taking applications for this fund in fall 2019 timeframe
 - MP volunteered to be on that committee
 - RM: Important for us as regional chapters that resources allocated for our chapters are shared correctly within the chapters as well as international committee – would like to brainstorm on how we can most effectively do this.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Mark and Randy talk about on side and more formally bring to group.**
- b. Vice President (Jesse D.)
- Had to leave call at 10:30.
- c. Past Pres (Brett)
- Not in attendance
- d. Treasurer (Casey), presented by MP
- Current chapter fund balance is \$13,263.84
 - 2019 professional development grant allocation approved via e-mail with the board of directors for \$2,500
 - SER RM currently processing sponsorships for the upcoming conference
- e. Secretary (Carla)
- CD: We currently have 168 members - UP from 130 last time (November 2018)
 - Approval of past minutes
 - No corrections to minutes from last meeting
 - Approved minutes from last meeting, will be posted on web page
- f. Communications (Jayne)
- Have a new banner coming in time for conference
 - Did get approval from SER to count conference as continuing education credits for CERP. People will sign in when they get to conference and will need to document.
 - With name change, did get most things switched over – sometime after conference will be making the switch to twitter and Facebook accounts.
- g. Outreach Committee (Michael)
- Had last committee meeting Dec 18, would like to do a workshop like did last year – looking at doing something on restoration failures and lessons learned this year.
 - We have 1 pub talk planned in May in Casper WY. Couple other ideas for pub talks.
 - Also wrote Stephen murphy (editor of *Restoration Ecology*) – we have approval to submit a non-professional article there on pub talks.
 - MP: March conference will be a great time to advertise any upcoming events – advertise Casper pub talk.
 - **Mike ACTION ITEM: Create a single PowerPoint slide to advertise Casper pub talk conference.**
 - RM: great job – really like innovation of outreach committee.

- h. Membership Committee (Jessie, presented by MP)
 - Moving forward with getting word out about professional development grants.
 - Sponsorships are coming in
- i. Scientific Meeting Committee (Randy)
 - Conference coming together well
 - Anything we can do to pull in additional support on sponsorships and attendance
 - Have very strong program, need to circulate it and do everything we can to bring in attendance
 - Concerned about attendance drops in federal attendees if another shutdown
 - Want to do a call out to Jayne and Tim Hoesle – extremely professional and competent with electronic communications, and Mark great support for program committee, and all committee members having gone through this before is very apparent. Should be proud of conference.
 - Early bird ends next week – encourage people to register
- 4. New business
 - a. Signed bylaws received
 - Next meeting - MP: suggest having next board meeting during conference middle of March – end or beginning of day.
 - **Mark ACTION ITEM: will send out email with meeting times.**
- 5. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am

Commented [CD1]: Mark, I can't find update info from Jessie on membership committee. Do you have?