



## SER-Rocky Mountains Meeting Summary

**Tuesday October 29, 2019**

**2:00 PM – 3:00 PM MDT**

**Call number: 970-491-2610**

**Calling In:** Mark Paschke (President), Randy Mandel (Scientific Committee Chair), Garrett Stephens (Treasurer), Michael Curran (Outreach Committee Chair), Jayne Jonas (Communications Committee Chair), Carla DeMasters (Secretary), Jesse Dillon (Vice President), Brett Wolk (Past-President).

**Regrets:** Jessie Olson (Membership Committee Chair).

1. President's Report (Mark P)
  - a. Request from Don Falk to support the 8th International Fire Congress in Tucson (Nov 18-22)
    - i. BW: great meeting, ~500 people, international, outside of our exact geography, Don was a keynote speaker at last HAR/SER-RM conf.
    - ii. SER-RM board voted in favor of \$250 sponsorship for this conference.
  - b. Discussion of restructuring standing committees. Do we want to break outreach into multiple committees (pubtalks, workshops, biennial conference, etc)?
    - i. Michael and committee to decide on this. MP: perhaps all could think about this as we move forward.
  - c. Preparations for upcoming elections
    - i. Elections in April 2020 for many of board positions. Between now and next meeting think about nominations.
  - d. Paid staff discussion with other SER chapters (see attachment)
    - i. There are chapters that have paid positions, as well as paid meeting organizers. SER-RM tends to use partnering/pairing with groups when organizing conferences.
2. Outreach Committee report (Mike)
  - a. Done with outreach events for the year. Had 5 total pub talks this year. Still working on a manuscript for RE on pub talks and outreach.
  - b. MP: thank you to MC and committee for excellent work.
3. Treasurer Report (Garrett)
  - a. We have \$22,330.19 in SER-RM account (\$23,330.19 before taking out \$1,000 for UWYO reimbursements). Outreach fund balance: \$2,367; scholarship fund balance: \$567.
4. Membership Committee Report (Jesse O)
  - a. JO Not in attendance.
5. Secretary report (Carla)
  - a. Minutes approved from last meeting.
  - b. CD: We currently have 150 members - UP from 146 last time (September 2019)
  - c. CD: attended the CONPS meeting in GJ last month (SER-RM was a sponsor). Well attended meeting with interesting talks.
6. Communications Committee Report (Jayne)
  - a. **ACTION ITEM for all: please take a look at new web site.**

7. Scientific Program Committee Report (Randy)
  - a. Cape town meeting
    - i. Well attended by SER-RM. Very different demographic than other international meetings. Interesting meeting agenda. Gathering momentum of different chapters around world. Lots of discussion on inclusion and diversity. 128 attendees from NoAm. 123 from African nations – Africa does not currently have an SER chapter.
    - ii. 2021 meeting will be held in South Korea. Magda G and RM volunteered to be on program committee.
8. Vice President's thoughts on future directions (Jesse D)
  - a. Thoughts on moving forward, and following MPs guidance and leadership.
    - i. Role of SER Activism and how it influences the way we engage the membership and practitioners with our region.
    - ii. Distribution of workload.
    - iii. Turnover – SER-RM could do more to help newer practitioners /decision makers.
9. Past President's thoughts on how we're doing (Brett)
  - a. MP: our chapter is unique in its structure. Continuity of leadership is really helpful.
  - b. BW: Could have more impact than we currently do.
  - c. Structure of board is good. Recruiting for new positions is important.
  - d. Keep on radar: RM restoration initiative out of USFS regional office – USFS partnering with Wild Turkey Federation to do watershed level ~HUC 8 intensive focused forest restoration.
  - e. Also keep on radar: Forestland restoration workshop in Albuquerque in March. SER should advertise professional development scholarships for this conf.
10. Next board meeting
  - a. Before end of year – early Dec.
  - b. Add agenda items:
    - i. Initiate conference planning - Next HAR/SER-RM conference, keynotes, recommended speakers, topics. Diversity of backgrounds, agencies, geographies.
    - ii. SER RM elections
11. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm