



SER-Rocky Mountains Meeting Summary

Thursday December 19, 2019

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM MDT

Call number: 970-491-2607

Calling In: Mark Paschke (President), Randy Mandel (Scientific Committee Chair), Megan Bowes (City of Boulder Open Space), Brett Wolk (Past-President), Jayne Jonas (Communications Committee Chair), Carla DeMasters (Secretary), Jesse Dillon (Vice President), Jessie Olson (Membership Committee Chair).

Regrets: Michael Curran (Outreach Committee Chair), Garrett Stephens (Treasurer).

Note Shortened Agenda:

1. Items of Business

- a. Put off conference keynotes discussion till next meeting
- b. Elections
 - i. Main agenda item is upcoming elections and recruiting so that we can hold elections. Nominations needed for: Vice President, Secretary (we have one nomination already), Outreach Committee Chair, Membership Committee Chair, Scientific Meeting Committee Chair, and Communications Committee Chair.
 1. VP position ascends to President position - need someone to step into VP position, current Secretary self-nominated for another term, several committee chairs set to expire in April.
 2. Megan Bowes instrumental in running past election.
 3. Board set to have turnover in off year when there isn't a biennial meeting, however, there is the issue of very large turnover in the board each time.
 4. MP: Bylaws state that elections will occur in odd years and people will assume role in following even year. Should we stagger these more? Could potentially have board, for example, extend Secretary position by one year to reduce turnover in the board. Michael expressed interest in continuing on the outreach committee. Outreach chair could also be a position that we extend by one year. Any opposition to extending secretary position for one year? MP: we are within our authority to extend these positions.
 5. **ALL ACTION ITEM: VP position – think of people that are part of the organization now that might be willing to step up into leadership role.**
 6. **MP ACTION ITEM – follow up with Carla and Mike, then get back to Megan and Jayne about sending out notice about nominations for other positions. MB: in interim put together description of positions in past years.**
- c. Document circulated by SER org about corporate sponsorship.
 - i. SER-RM expressed concerns to SER leadership about negative tone of document. MP: this morning the board of directors of SER came up with new draft – which has some of SER-RM concerns incorporated.
 - ii. **ACTION ITEM ALL board members: Some time in next few weeks, SER-RM board**

take a look at SER org edits.

- d. Edits to new SER RM web site
 - i. ACTION ITEM ALL: edits to Jayne on web site.
 - e. International chapters
 - i. The North American coordinating committee had a call yesterday: suggestion came up that new chapter in Africa is having trouble getting started, mainly a barrier to get new people to join because of cost. Could some of N Am chapters contribute towards a fund that would go toward sponsoring memberships on the African continent. Ex. 10 members. Total of \$250. SER-RM will contribute \$100 from chapter funds to support membership sponsorships in Africa. None of SER-RM board opposed to this, all present are in support.
 - ii. MP: The N Am conf is going to be in Quebec in June Call for abstracts out now, due at end of Jan. Weeklong meeting in Quebec in early June. Québec RE3 Conference will be held in Québec City from June 7 – 11th, 2020.
 - iii. BW commended Mark on making real change in several different places.
 - f. Other items
 - i. BW: Advertised workshop in NM, consider workshop for SER-RM scholarship.
2. Next board meeting
 - i. Mid-January
 1. Election nominations
 3. Meeting adjourned at 2:41 pm