



SER-Rocky Mountains Meeting Summary

Friday March 6, 2020

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM MDT

Call number: 970-491-2605

Calling In: Mark Paschke (President), Jayne Jonas (Communications Committee Chair), Carla DeMasters (Secretary), Jesse Dillon (Vice President), Brett Wolk (Past-President), Marenna Disbro (membership coordinator nominee), Michael Curran (Outreach Committee Chair).

Regrets: Garrett Stephens (Treasurer), Jessie Olson (Membership Committee Chair), Randy Mandel (Scientific Committee Chair).

1. Board/Committee Reports

a. Outreach Committee report (Mike)

- i. 28 people at pub talk last night. Many people picked up fliers.
- ii. Upcoming outreach committee meeting: main points of discussion will be future pub talks. 3 new members on outreach committee.
 1. Get something in southwestern CO.
- iii. Put out a poll, as of last night 7 responded with vote for Pollinator workshop. Explore having it at Denver Botanic Gardens. Previously held at Butterfly Pavilion.
- iv. Mike seeking a co-chair for outreach committee. Perhaps a person who could also step into chair position in future pending an election.
- v. MP: Explore partnering for pub talk in NM or Utah. Great Basin Chapter is centered in Reno (UN). Marenna may be able to help connect with Reno chapter.

b. Treasurer Report (MP for Garrett)

- i. Current bank balance: \$22,080.18
- ii. Accounts payable: \$749
 1. \$250, professional scholarship for Garrett Stephens to attend Cross-Boundary Landscape Restoration Workshop in Albuquerque March 2-4, 2020.
 2. \$499, pub talk March 4, 2020 in Denver.
- iii. 2020 Budget
 1. Does the board want to set a 2020 budget for Outreach Events and Scholarship Grants?
 - a. In 2019, Outreach budgeted \$3000 and spent \$2298; Scholarships budgeted \$2500 and spent \$1933.
 - b. \$3000 outreach budget approved by board on 3/6/2020. All in favor.
 - c. \$2500 scholarship budget approved by board on 3/6/2020. All in favor.

c. Secretary report (Carla)

- i. Minutes from last from last meeting approved.
- ii. CD: We currently have 167 members - UP from 150 last time (December 2019)

d. Membership Committee Report (MP for Jesse O)

- i. A \$250 professional development award was given to Garrett Stephens to attend the workshop on Cross Boundary Landscape Restoration in New Mexico this year.
 - ii. Recommend keeping same budget amount as last year for the professional development grants.
 - iii. BW: requested that the Membership committee assess the Scholarship program and if any changes could be made to increase interest in the program.
 - e. Communications Committee Report (Jayne)
 - i. Committee needs to discuss using a different platform for newsletter emails. Still having issues with newsletters going to junk mail.
 - ii. MP: Since we're having elections later this month, we will need to overhaul the BOD web page late March/early April.
 - iii. MP: we can now take down announcement that SER-RM has changed our name.
 - f. Scientific Program Committee Report (Randy)
 - i. Not in attendance
 - g. Vice President's Report (Jesse D)
 - i. Nothing to report
- 2. Upcoming elections and position hand-overs
 - a. MP: Need to check with Megan Bowes where we are with nominations. People have stepped up for membership committee, Vice President and scientific program committee. Board decided to extend terms of Secretary and Outreach Chair for one more year. We are still in need of someone for communications committee chair – would be good to get someone more active with social media.
 - b. Today is Brett's last meeting as past president. Jayne may also be stepping down as communications chair. Jessie Olson also stepping down. Thank you!
 - c. Randy also stepping down – may be continuing with BOD of the main SER organization.
 - d. Welcome to Marenda Disbro. Marenda self-nominated for the membership chair position. Also interested in outreach committee.
- 3. April 2021 conference planning for HAR/SER-RM
 - a. HAR waiting for SER-RM to jump in on conversations.
 - b. MP: we need to get someone in scientific committee chair position.
 - c. Plan to move conference to April vs. March to avoid future blizzard scenario again.
 - d. Several Board members in support of having joint sessions following keynote/plenary.
 - e. To get things going, MP has contacted CSU conference services to arrange student center location. MP moving forward with Tues, Wed, Thurs for now with Student Center. We can revise later as needed.
 - f. **ACTION ITEM ALL: Prepare to hit the ground running after new board in April so we can get together with HAR to form committees.**
- 4. Mark officially handed President baton over to Jesse D, who will lead next board meeting.
- 5. Next board meeting will be in April.
- 6. Meeting adjourned at 10:44 am