



## SER-Rocky Mountains Meeting Summary

Wednesday September 23, 2020

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM MDT

Microsoft Teams Meeting

**Calling In:** Jesse Dillon (President), Mark Paschke (Past President), Brock Bowles (Vice President), Carla DeMasters (Secretary), Marena Disbro (Membership Committee Chair), Megan Bowes (Communications Committee Chair), Jeremy Sultenfuss (Scientific Meeting Committee Chair).

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

### 1. Board/Committee Reports

- a. President's Report (Jesse D)
  - i. Reviewed grants
  - ii. On hold with biannual (?)
- b. VP (Brock)
- c. Mark (Past pres)
- d. Outreach Committee report (Mike)
  - i. New outreach committee chair joining
    1. Bylaws say we have to hold an election unless there is only one candidate.
    2. Janna to fulfill role of Michael for the rest of his term?
- e. Treasurer Report (Garrett)
  - i. No Treasurer updates
- f. Secretary report (Carla)
  - i. Minutes from last from last meeting approved. MP motion to approve – JD motion to approve, all in favor. Approved.
  - ii. CD: We currently have 180 members - UP from 167 last time (March 2020)
- g. Membership Committee Report (Marena)
  - i. One major update from the Membership Committee from our meeting back in August:
    1. We discussed potentially expanding the scholarships to include a "Student Support Scholarship" that would essentially support a student financially for whatever they may need. Initially we thought this scholarship could support their research but foresee complications w/ funneling \$ through the University and think it would be easier to give the \$ to the student directly. We could reach out to contacts in the corporate world to sponsor a student. Open to feedback/ideas.  
MD: maybe expanding scholarship to help with student research related to ecology/restoration ecology.  
MP: to support students who are studying ecology/rest ecol. And supporting research specifically in the RM region.  
JD: target newsletter.  
MD: in past membership committee has offered \$2500. If limited to ~\$1000 would provide enough for 2-3 students.  
CD: potential content for future newsletters – perhaps require a few photos and or paragraph for each study.  
MP: each committee has freedom to work within their budget. Membership committee can draft up how awards will be made, COI, etc. and has ability to come back to board to ask for more money.

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- h. Communications Committee Report (Megan)
  - i. MB: get content for newsletter by next week before Oct.
- i. Scientific Program Committee Report (Jeremy)
  - i. Conference postponed a year.
  - ii. Void of content – JS: nice to talk about what type of content we could get out to our membership –stay in front of people and still be a resource of scientific and practical info.
  - iii. MP: SER central office has been asking us to be more active in their webinar series.
  - iv. JD: SER central may prefer more academic content. MP: online content is about half practitioner content.
  - v. JD: webinar series – MP: this should be something that outreach committee should be doing, or Jeremy’s committee in lieu of meeting? JD/MP or two committees together. MP: Maybe committees can come up with structure, or two flavors, one broader topics and one that is more specific to our region.
  - vi. Outreach committee and conference committee can come up with this. MP: call for abstracts? MP: SER has a whole system.
  - vii. **ACTION ITEM: JD have call with Janna by next week. Then follow up call with Jeremy.**
  - viii. JD: focus on fire? Get speakers related to fire.
- 2. Next board meeting will be in early November, week of Nov 2?
- 3. Meeting adjourned at 4:34 pm