

SER-SW Chapter Board Meeting



Q1

January 18, 2023

Attendees:

President – Elise Gornish

Secretary – Ondrea Hummel

Treasurer – Vicki Stubbs

Members at large/State reps - Anita Joy Antoninka, Cameron Weber, Tiffany Pereira, Kristina Young, Claire Kaban

1. We have some new faces so – quick intro.
2. Fire workshop review by Tiffany - ~ 100 participants; online webinar
3. Discussion of in person meeting next fall – anyone willing to chair the committee?
 - a. Carianne’s estimate – 150 hrs/\$75-hr=\$11,250
 - b. If going to have fall meeting, need to start now
 - c. 2015 conference made ~\$11k; might be more in 2023 dollars
 - d. Vicki offered to work with Carianne
 - e. Could ask for breakdown of tasks and have board fill in some
 - f. Reduce cost and then get compensated per registrant or profit share
 - g. Location? Santa Fe or could do in Tucson – could still do on campus
 - h. Would have to pay for Carianne’s travel
4. Newsletter requests/updated from Kristina – season; will send out next season (winter or spring); start to advertise conference (save the date)
5. SERSW website – need someone to take over updates; Claire volunteered
 - a. Need to update minutes; **need to upload 2020-2022 minutes**
6. We got a motion to vote on a savings account to be set up by Vickie at Wells Fargo to hold conference funds, program allocated funds and a general savings fund. Vickie can tell us a bit more about this and we can vote on it.
 - a. Vicki motioned to create Savings Account and conference designated account in order to determine balance available for other items.
 - b. Amount in accounts will be determined by Board:
 - i. Conf – \$15k
 - ii. Savings – \$10k
 - iii. \$25,000 – help manage conference if went into deficit
 1. \$2500 award
 2. \$22,500 remaining to continue mission
 - c. Cameron seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - d. Bank wants board minutes to approve this.
7. Another idea from Vickie: Don Faulk has history with SER, you may or may not be aware. I have wondered about creating some type of Faulk Educational/Tuition Grant for Students to apply for. \$500-\$1000 to start. Maybe it would be endowed, maybe I would donate the first round to

get it started.... Again, thinking out loud as a fundraising tool to finance student scholarships in the field of restoration. We will discuss.

- a. Could include from to 'continue mission' per above
 - b. Educational Grant – to help pay for tuition.
 - i. Could also accept donations for this fund.
 - c. Also travel grants for the annual conference.
 - d. Could also providing funding or assistance to apply for CERP or CERP-IT.
 - i. How to get the hands on experience.
 - e. Development/Awards/Grants Committee –
8. Brainstorm ways to reach out more to student chapters and engage new chapters?
- a. Have had student leadership on board.
 - b. Need faculty mentor.
 - c. Cameron has talked to a couple of potential faculty mentors.
 - d. Look at institutes doing research
 - i. NHHM – Este Muldavin
 - ii. Anna Sher?
 - iii. USU, Mark Bronson – has post-docs do this
 1. Has student chapter for Great Basin; invite his student to SW chapter also
 - iv. We pay for UC Riverside chapter (\$300); Elise pays for UofA with grant money; should we pay for them all?
 - v. SER SW will pay for annual SER association fee; will get annual update from student chapters
 - vi. Elise will develop letter to go out to potential researchers/faculty – most have a 10% service requirement
 - vii. Send names and contact information to Elise
 - viii. Set up table at next conference for student interest
9. Discuss whether we want to set aside money to fund someone from the board to attend the SER national or world meeting. Also North American chapters meeting.
- a. Or could be for a portion of fees.
 - b. Vicki will put together budget for review and approval. Can send out by email and vote.
10. We should look towards getting some rotation on the board. Kristina suggested think Madga Garbowski would be excellent (mag3da.garbowski@uwyo.edu). Mandy Slate would also be a great candidate (slatemandy@gmail.com). Rette Bruegger could also be great (Retta.Bruegger@colostate.edu). Any other ideas – for president and/or VP?