

## SER SW Board Meeting 8/9/2024

Board members present: Ondrea Hummel, Carianne Campbell, Elise Gornish, Vickie Stubbs, Monique Marino, Claire Karban, Colin Tucker

### Annual Meeting Planning

- Carianne will send detailed conference update document
- Conference Registration
  - Early September meeting is challenging with academic schedule, but early meeting makes sense during election year (remember Vegas 2016?)
  - Expecting rush of abstracts and registrations, talks and symposia will stick to the deadline, poster deadline is more flexible
  - Please forward marketing emails to your network
  - 80 registrations already
  - Who on board will be attending?
  - If you're on the board, there is some funding for registration available, please reach out to Elise if you'd like to know more.
  - Student waiver applications have been slow (only two so far), includes registration fee waiver, requires a presentation or poster and a form, no travel funds included
  - Fee waiver may be extended to Conservation Corps members with the same stipulations above
- Abstracts, presentations and schedule
  - 30 abstracts so far across all presentation types, targeting 50 oral presentations
  - With new platform Carianne accepts or declines fairly quickly
  - Lots of biocrust, mycorrhizal fungi, plant materials, seeds, grant writing workshops
  - Possibly may still do a funders forum
  - Rough schedule will be attached to notes, the venue is flexible in terms of organizing concurrent session
- Et cetera
  - Raffle at end, Mountain States Nursery has donated plants
  - There will be four field trips on Saturday
  - Sponsors so far – Tetra Tech, Recon Environmental, Tierra del Jaguar, Taproot Coll, Fire Science, Borderlands Restoration, a few others I didn't catch

- Aiming to have a skeleton schedule in the week after abstract deadline
- Still need to get catering organized
- Lets decide on the location of the next meeting at the current meeting – Las Cruces, Las Vegas NV, Palm Desert – returning to Tucson or AZ every other year
- **WHAT IS NEEDED FROM THE BOARD**
  - Please advertise the conference within your networks
  - Please register now, contact Elise for help with registration
  - Please give a talk!
  - Bring raffle items
  - Arrive ready to help!
  - If you have an extra laptop, laser pointers, please bring them
  - If you can come in on Weds to help with pre-registration that would be helpful, and if you can arrive early Thursday (630am) to help with registration
- This is the last meeting before the conference! Everything else pre-conference will be communicated via email. Making the Annual Meeting a success is one of the main goals of this Chapter.