

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 4, 2013

Attendees

Harvey Thorleifson

Ernie Lehmann

Fred Corrigan

Jim Miller

Mike Hultgren

Cheryl Sill*

Dennis Martin*

Julie Elkington*

Regrets: George Hudak, Craig Pagel

*Attended by teleconference

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for November 29, 2013 – motion to approve by Harvey Thorleifson, 2nd by Jim Miller, no discussion, motion carried.

Report of the Chair:

- Fred Corrigan expressed appreciation for efforts by all, he stressed that everyone is busy as there is a lot going on, and he noted how well MCMRE and MMEW affairs have been going

Report of Vice Chair – Administration

- Mike Hultgren reviewed status of our funds; we have about \$45k in hand
- Over 12k came in from donors over the winter
- Fred noted that donations that come in after the workshop are credited to the next cycle
- We still need to compensate NRRI about a thousand dollars for MMEW 2012
- We will continue to strive to carry over one year's budget in reserve

Report of Vice Chair –Finance

- As Craig was committed to a hearing at the Legislature, Ernie filled in
- There was a mailing in late autumn, and IMA members have been contacted
- There will be an additional spring solicitation in coming days
- Everyone has been pleased with progress on confirming the willingness of the industry associations to sponsor the MMEW housing subsidy, which would be \$1600 each between IMA, MM, & ARM if confirmed
- The hotel will invoice MCMRE for the subsidy
- Ernie proposed that we make further progress on an MCMRE manual of procedures, and Officer job descriptions, to ensure clarity on what needs to be done month by month – thus ensuring our success with a minimal demand on our time
- **Action: Chair & Vice Chairs will prepare drafts of procedures & job descriptions for October meeting**

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- Jim Miller indicated that things are going smoothly on the program, so fewer committee meetings were needed relative to last year
- We have more willing speakers than required
- A simulator will be on display
- Tony Sertich will be the luncheon keynote speaker
- There will be an evening tour to Hill Annex; a picnic and fossil-hunting – this was popular last time
- Wednesday – safety briefing, KeeTac, Magnetation, DNR, HibbTac; 2nd day Essar, Coleraine, aggregate
- All companies pleased and willing to host tours
- Fred noted that the safety briefings are of course good, and can be linked to program content on safety
- Jim is dealing with issues with cost of U credits; Continuing Ed can no longer do this, but other units want to charge more; this maybe is resolved for this year – last year, 20 teachers paid for credit
- The draft budget was discussed; only minor modifications relative to last year's
- **Motion to approve tentative budget, moved by Mike, 2nd by Ernie, motion carried**
- Final budget to be circulated this spring by email
- Discussion on inviting certain people to drop in the 1st morning of MMEW – there is lots of room; county people, Range delegation, Labor reps, Dept of Ed – will clarify invitees in time for next Board meeting

Other Business

- none

Next meeting planned to be a teleconference, probably at 2:00pm, late in the week of May 13; date to be confirmed

Meeting adjourned.