

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, January 21, 2014, 2:30 PM at DNR in St Paul

Attendees

Fred Corrigan, Hannah Friedrich, George Hudak, Mike Hultgren, Carrie Jennings, Jim Miller, Dave Southwick, Harvey Thorleifson; by Phone: Dennis Martin, Cheryl Sill

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for October 21, 2013 – motion to approve by Fred Corrigan, 2nd by George Hudak, no discussion, motion carried.

Report of the Chair:

- Jim Miller expressed appreciation to all, and noted how well MCMRE and MMEW affairs are going
- He noted with appreciation excellent coordination with Hannah Friedrich in her new roles
- A visit to Marshall in November went very well in relation to team-mates, field stops, venue, & dorms
- We will aim to have our promo ready for MESTA and maybe also MNSTA in February

Report of Vice Chair – Administration

- Mike Hultgren reviewed status of our funds
- Outstanding balances have been sorted out with NRRI
- We are pleased to anticipate again working with NRRI on registration and handling of funds
- We continue to strive to carry over one year's budget in reserve
- Our finances are in excellent order
- We will add Mike as a check signing authority
- Fred suggested & there was support for increased expenditures on teacher resources

Report of Vice Chair –Finance

- In Craig's absence, the group noted how well fundraising has gone, and how much effort will be required by us all to keep it that way, especially after Ernie's passing
- We will work with Ernie's staff to ensure a smooth transition regarding the roles that he played
- This spring, Harvey will again do the annual request to SME

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- Hannah is making excellent progress with the MMEW team
- Air-conditioned dorms, \$30/person/night; BYO linens & towels; Comfort Inn 20 rooms @ \$77/83
- Meeting registration, \$40; consensus that housing subsidy ideally will reduce rate to \$15/night
- Fred, at least, anticipates being able to again support housing – this is very much appreciated
- Will do the evaluation online with a service such as survey monkey at a cost of ~\$300
- Excellent discussion on 1.5-day field trip led by Dave Southwick & Carrie Jennings; geology, mines, parks, landscapes, water, environment – a fantastic trip!
- Sometimes 100 people is too many at one time, but everyone will want to hear Dave & Carrie
- Harvey will contact National Park Service to see if they will somehow support us in relation to Pipestone
- Dave & Carrie will prepare field trip text for promo
- Speakers who have volunteered to present are an impressive list!
- Looks like this will be another excellent MMEW; Hannah has hit the ground running

Other Business

- None
- All is well!

Next meeting planned for Thursday April 10, 2:30 PM @ DNR

Meeting adjourned.