

## **Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education**

Meeting Minutes for Friday, January 29, 2016, 1 PM at DNR in St Paul

### Attendees

At DNR: Fred Corrigan, George Hudak, Mike Hultgren, Dennis Martin, and Harvey Thorleifson

By Phone: Hannah Friedrich, Julie Marinucci (for Michael Perala), Dean Moosavi, and Craig Pagel

Unable to attend: Brian Allison, Jim Miller, David Ulrich

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for November 11, 2015 – motion to approve by Fred, 2nd by Dennis, motion carried

### **Report of the Chair**

- Chair Mike Hultgren welcomed everyone, and thanked everyone for their effort
- Mike was pleased to confirm that Fred will be Vice Chair – Admin & David will be Vice Chair – Finance
- Mike welcomed SME rep Michael Perala to the Board, and thanked Julie for representing Michael; it was agreed that we will encourage reps such as Julie to participate fully, including voting on motions
- Mike welcomed MESTA rep Brian Allison, who was unable to attend

### **Report of the Site Host**

- Site Host Dean Moosavi reported on excellent planning for MMEW 2016
- To be held at Gustavus in St Peter on June 21 – 23; Julie Bartley and others providing much help
- Housing check-in Monday 4 – 8 PM at Visitor Desk Lower Level of Student Union; Housing check-out Thursday June 23 before Field Trip; Anticipated attendance: ~80 Teachers ~10 Instructors
- Dorm rooms booked for 45 – 60 Participants/Instructors; suites in SW Hall; 4 to 6 bedrooms share a common room and bath; double with AC \$30.30/person/day; plus host fee \$13.80/day
- Booked 4 classrooms (Nobel 121, 123, 125, 127), GIS Lab, Auditorium, staging Room (Nobel 123)
- Breaks to be in Nobel 2nd Floor Atrium; We will get sodas and snacks for field trip breaks
- Budget updated
- Hannah indicated how pleased she is with all preparations
- Dean concerned about host fee; Board urged that we not cut corners to make up for it
- Tuesday evening outing plan changed due to highway closure; Board endorsed Minneopa option
- Carrie will be asked to speak that evening on topics such as River Warren; we have options for speaker
- Excellent options for field trips – not fully planned yet – Jordan Sands would be an excellent tour
- Probably one trip between St Peter and Mankato, and another looking MN River valley
- Everyone was very pleased

### **Report of the Vice Chair - Operations**

- Vice Chair – Operations Hannah Friedrich reported on excellent planning for the MMEW program
- Superb day program
- Discussion on luncheon speaker – hopefully a geology/minerals overview of the region
- Flier will be distributed next week at MESTA
- Hannah asked Dean to scan and send Gustavus contract to Fred for signature with copy to Mike

### **Report of Vice Chair – Administration**

- Vice Chair – Administration Fred Corrigan reported that our finances are in good order
- Much appreciation for superb work on fundraising
- On track to have funds for two workshops in hand, as preferred

### **Report of Vice Chair –Finance**

- Craig Pagel spoke for Vice Chair –Finance David Ulrich
- Craig indicated letters went out in December
- Craig announced his impending retirement – everyone indicated tremendous appreciation for Craig's efforts
- Craig hopes his successor will take his place on the Board; Katie at IMA will help
- Craig and Katie will ensure a smooth transition to David

### **Other Business**

- Will probably use Event Brite again
- Much appreciation for IMA, ARM, & MngMn willingness to be billed for dorm subsidy; same as last year

***Next meeting: late April, Doodle poll to come***

Meeting adjourned; Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson