

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 3:00 PM at DNR in St Paul

Attendees

At DNR: Mike Hultgren, Dennis Martin, Harvey Thorleifson

By Phone: Brian Allison, Kelsey Johnson, Fred Corrigan, Julie Marinucci (for Julie Lucas), Jim Miller, Dean Moosavi

Unable to attend: Hannah Friedrich, George Hudak, David Ulrich

- Agenda agreed to as circulated
- Approval of Minutes for December 2, 2016 – motion to approve by Kelsey, 2nd by Fred, motion carried

Report of the Chair

- Mike welcomed everyone, and thanked everyone for their effort
- At the December meeting, we reelected the 2016 Board for 2017, with a plan to fill vacancies at the first 2017 meeting; it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting, as understandings on roles are confirmed

Report of Vice Chair – Administration

- Fred reported that finances are in good order
- Contributions were higher in 2016 than in the previous year

Report of Vice Chair –Finance

- Kelsey provided an update on her efforts with others to get fundraising letters out and to follow up

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- In Hannah's absence, Jim and Dean led the discussion on excellent progress
- A superb program for MMEW 2017 is all set
- Things are A-OK with Vermilion Community College
- Jim will give the keynote, a retrospective on our great success in K-12 education on earth resources
- Dean noted the link to GSA activity
- Field trips coming together well; first day = Peter Mitchell mine, Twin Metals, dimension stone, geology stop; George working on Soudan underground; \$15/person fee for underground tour; can handle 35 people at a time; thinking we will have an AM group and a PM group, limit 70 for Soudan, but we don't want to limit workshop registration to that number; let's stick with the usual 2-bus upper limit; first-come-first-served for the underground tour; some registrants will have been underground already, and some won't want to; might need a surface activity for those who don't go underground; so need to budget \$1k for underground fees
- Fred urged us to be generous with teaching materials
- A budget is in preparation; usually about \$15k - \$18k; possibly a bit more if clearly called for – OK in principle from Mike and Fred
- Fred noted that a northern meeting site is less expensive than the south
- Working on confirming vehicles
- OK to distribute flyers to schools in the NE
- Discussion on Tuesday evening program – maybe Pioneer Mine with Iron Mike appearance; need time for enjoyable dinner, probably a catered picnic – backups include various mine site tour options if that can fit into a relaxing evening
- Discussion on recruiting volunteers to help with various tasks such as printing name tags
- Previously, the Board filled its role, and a program committee operated separately, with good overlap
- The meeting in Marshall changed things, due to distance
- The 2014 meeting in Marshall was run by Hannah and Jim with Hannah and Dean running the 2016 workshop in St. Peter. 2015 was again mostly Jim and Hannah!
- Perhaps we need to better reestablish a program committee with several volunteers willing to help
- Several regularly returning registrants likely are willing to help
- Ideally volunteers are all lined up in September; could even ask a year in advance
- Ideally the Program Chair spends most of his or her time delegating
- There are many highly capable folks in the north willing to help
- Dean asked for and received the OK for GSA people to attend the workshop; two-way exchange of thinking likely
- Web site coming along very nicely; much great work by Brian; more material left to be migrated; superb work

Other Business

- Things are going well, thanks to excellent work all around!

Next meeting: Doodle poll to come

Meeting adjourned; Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson