

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, April 9, 2015, 1 PM at DNR in St Paul

Attendees

Jim Miller, Mike Hultgren, Dennis Martin, Harvey Thorleifson; by Phone: Hannah Friedrich, Craig Pagel, Julie Marinucci

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for January 29, 2015 – motion to approve by Jim, 2nd by Mike, no discussion, motion carried

Report of the Chair

- Jim noted the superb progress of planning for MMEW 2015
- Jim reminded us of his upcoming retirement
- We will need a new Chair in January

Report of Vice Chair – Administration

- Mike Hultgren reviewed status of our funds - \$37k – things are in good shape
- \$3950 contributions in 1st quarter; ahead of last year
- Mike will ensure that Craig has a list of contributors, as he follows up with prospective donors
- We can settle what MCMRE & NRRRI owe each other when we settle MMEW 2015 accounts
- Appreciation was expressed to ARM for handling the funds so well

Report of Vice Chair –Finance

- Craig reported on much superb work being done
- Requests were again sent in January
- We need to bear in mind that this is a tough year for the industry
- We need to convey a sensitivity, for example, for the families of those currently laid off
- As a whole, though, fundraising is going very well
- We may be able to approach IRRRB & PUFTS for funds

Teacher Resources update:

- Hannah & Cheryl making good progress
- Favoring MGS state Bedrock Geologic Maps for all; hand lens; 3D maps; mineral kit; jump drive
- Will check on number of tote bags at DNR Hibbing

Safety Equipment Update:

- Julie talking to 3M to clarify where the hard hats have been shipped to; also glasses
- Ideally will be shipped to NRRRI
- We will honor their logo, perhaps while adding our own logo
- Jim identified a source for vests – neon, zipper, n=125, most L, also M & XL – OK to go ahead and buy

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- Excellent MMEW 2015 program & promotion confirmed
- Discussion focused on budget
- Proposed budget looks good
- Expecting ~90 in Duluth
- Having recently been in the west & southeast, and bearing in mind north-south alternation, MMEW 2016 needs to be in south-central MN, with strong preference for a site where we have a local advocate
- Being in Duluth this year, we will look forward to MMEW 2017 on the Range

Other Business

- Julie will share info on teacher in-service, in case we can provide a speaker
- Ppt is all ready

Date, place and time of next meeting: maybe late August 6th; Doodle poll to come

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson