

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 27, 2016, 3 PM at DNR in St Paul

Attendees

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

By Phone: Brian Allison, Hannah Friedrich, George Hudak, Jim Miller, and Dean Moosavi

Unable to attend: Kelsey Johnson, Julie Marinucci (for Michael Perala), and David Ulrich

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for January 29, 2016 – 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 welcomed Kelsey Johnson, Craig successor as IMA rep on the Board, who was unable to attend

Report of Vice Chair – Administration

- Vice Chair – Administration Fred Corrigan reported that our finances are in good order
- Fred indicated he had sent the insurance policy to Hannah, and Hannah said it is adequate
- Fundraising coming along – interesting that some regulars are absent, similar number are new
- Fred will work with Kelsey and Frank to clarify what mailings have been done
- Dennis noted we should ensure that producers in the south are asked, as MMEW is in the south
- Mike will discuss the mailing list with Katie; Fred noted that the IMA and MngMn lists are kept separate
- Fred asked Hannah if ARM should handle funds as NRRI did, and Hannah said yes, please
- Agreed that invoices should go to Hannah and Dean for the OK prior to submission several at a time to ARM for payment
- Discussion on potential for tiered sponsorships; at present, we have donors, and the lodging sponsors; we could maybe highlight a local sponsor, carefully; agreed that we should be careful not to dilute – possibly a field trip sponsor, though – Fred will think about producers in the region
- Mike is working on the report for the report to Arcelor – only Arcelor and SME require reporting – the MMEW executive summary is helpful for this
- Perhaps other grants could be applied for, SEG maybe, as has been considered in the past – a lot of work, though

Report of Vice Chair –Finance

- Fred Corrigan had spoken for Vice Chair –Finance David Ulrich, who was unable to attend

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- Vice Chair – Operations Hannah Friedrich reported on excellent planning for the MMEW program
- Registration at 30 so far, which is good; ditto for picnic, 20 in the dorms
- A few changes in the program as speakers drop out and replacements sought
- Hannah will send the updated program to Jim
- Was hoping for Acme Ochs brick presentation, but they have/will shut down
- Need to clarify teacher resources – Cheryl Sill has done a splendid job on this, with Marsha and others
- Brian will talk to Cheryl, and we will anticipate a mix of donated and purchased items
- NRRI has generously hosted the MMEW web site; George will see if this can continue after Jim's retirement

Report of the Site Host

- Site Host Dean Moosavi reported on excellent planning for MMEW 2016
- Room and food contract OK; bus contract in the works
- Superb tours – Jordan Sands, Kasota, New Ulm, & much more
- Two buses going in opposite directions; Jim would appreciate more detailed info for web site
- Will work around the closed highway; Discussion on Wednesday evening plans
- Not all costs confirmed – looks OK; maybe Winona State for credits, ideally every year
- This will be a fabulous MMEW, very different from last time in Mankato
- Everyone was very pleased

Other Business

- Much appreciation for IMA, ARM, & MngMn dorm subsidy; same \$ as last year – time to invoice
- Preliminary discussion on site for MMEW 2017 & 2018

Next meeting: post-MMEW debrief, Doodle poll to come

Meeting adjourned; Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson