

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, August 27, 2015, 10 AM at DNR in St Paul

Attendees

At DNR: Fred Corrigan, Hannah Friedrich, Mike Hultgren, Harvey Thorleifson, David Ulrich
By Phone: George Hudak, Julie Marinucci, Dennis Martin, Jim Miller, Dean Moosavi, Craig Pagel

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for April 9, 2015 – motion to approve by Jim, 2nd by Mike, no discussion, motion carried

Report of the Chair

- New Board member David Ulrich of Mining Minnesota was introduced and welcomed by all
- Dean Moosavi of Gustavus – a long-time member of the MMEW team – was welcomed by all
- Jim noted the superb success of MMEW 2015 – 82 in attendance
- Jim reminded us of his impending marriage and upcoming retirement – congratulations, Jim!

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- 2015 sessions good, field trips good except for stuck bus, teamwork great, still working on finance
- Eventbrite worked well
- 76 replies to post-workshop assessment; a few non-teachers threw off response; very favorable, though
- Noted that MMEW is for educators, while we have faith that organizers can make some exceptions
- Wall maps popular; Polymet talk well received; picnic popular, ditto for planetarium
- Field trip popular – different people liked different stops
- 24 first-time attendees; 1 person came 700 miles
- Will close the NRRI account this year, so invoices will need to go to MCMRE in the future
- Fred noted that Jill hasn't seen a lot of transactions this year; much handled by UMD
- Don't have dorm bill yet – Hannah will look into this
- Subsidy for housing from IMA, MngMN, & ARM very much appreciated, as always
- Not a lot of demand for instructor expense compensation this year – several local
- MMEW 2015 expenses are well under budget
- Craig noted this is good, given that fundraising might be challenging this year, due to the downturn
- In April, we recognized that 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 host; being in Duluth this year, we will look forward to MMEW 2017 on the Range
- Very pleasing that Dean will be able to be more involved now; discussion focused on how advantageous St Peter could be as the site for MMEW 2016 – mining country, Dean could host; could hopefully cooperate with Carleton, given their influential role in geoscience education; Dean has and will talk to key people
- **Motion by Jim, 2nd by Mike, to hold MMEW 2016 in St Peter, carried unanimously**
- Final report to come; need the executive summary for fundraising

Report of Vice Chair – Administration

- Report shared by email; appreciation to ARM & Jill for supporting transactions and record-keeping
- Mike Hultgren reviewed status of our funds - things are in good shape
- Some new contributors
- Appreciation to Craig & his team for superb work on fundraising
- On track to have funds for two workshops in hand, as preferred

Report of Vice Chair –Finance

- Craig reported on much superb work being done
- 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

Other Business

- Julie pleased that David will be able to speak at teacher in-service; ppt needs little updating

Date, place and time of next meeting: maybe the week before Thanksgiving; Doodle poll to come

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson