

## Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Friday, September 9, 2016, 930 AM at DNR in St Paul

### Attendees

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

By Phone: Dean Moosavi

Unable to attend: Brian Allison, George Hudak, Kelsey Johnson, and Julie Marinucci (for Julie Lucas)

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for April 27, 2016 – motion to approve by Fred, 2nd by Hannah, motion carried

### **Report of the Chair**

- Chair Mike Hultgren welcomed everyone, and thanked everyone for their effort
- Mike indicated that everything is running smoothly
- Mike expressed appreciation to Jim Miller and David Ulrich, who have retired from the Board

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

- Vice Chair – Administration Fred Corrigan reported that our finances are in good order
- A financial report will follow by email
- MMEW 2016 bills are all paid except for one speaker expense claim

### **Report of Vice Chair –Finance**

- Mike Hultgren is working to confirm who will succeed David Ulrich as Vice Chair – Finance

### **Report of the Vice Chair - Operations and the Site Host**

- **2016**
- Vice Chair – Operations Hannah Friedrich and Site Host Dean Moosavi reported on the excellent success of MMEW 2016
- Attendance was lower than average - 51, perhaps due to the timing of communications
- Most teach grade 7/8, or higher; geoscience popular
- Need to work on new attendees – only 7 this year
- Feedback on format, catering, and accommodations was positive
- Teacher resources popular; keynote popular; concern about hot evening field trip with few bathrooms
- Day field trip very popular, especially Jordan Sands, and blast
- Most self-fund, so participants are very cost-sensitive
- Important to get date out, so limited funds can be committed
- Expenses much lower than typical, due to one less bus, self-supplied break refreshments, no need for replenishment of supplies, fewer speaker expense claims due to location
- Dorm use was high - 43, due to convenient dorm location, quality, & lack of nearby hotels
- Total expenses \$11,646, or ~\$200 per teacher
- This was a fabulous MMEW; Everyone was very pleased
- Brian Allison has graciously volunteered to maintain the MMEW web site
- Dean has facilitated discussion on program format, and credits
- Very pleased that Dean is giving a talk on MMEW at GSA in Denver, co-authored by Hannah
- Pleased to hear that Dean is looking forward to staying involved, as much as he can manage
- **2017**
- Suggested dates for 2017 – June 20-22
- Alternation pattern favors the Range, anywhere from Grand Rapids to sites in the N and NE
- Discussion favored Ely for 2017; Hannah will talk to the College; Mike will talk to Julie about her ability to help with Site Host roles, with SME leadership involved as much as she prefers; Mike will talk to George Hudak and his NRRI colleagues about field trips
- Will promote MMEW 2017 on MESTA list serve ASAP, at NSTA MEC/SME booth this fall, and MESTA in the winter – so, need to confirm date and site ASAP
- **2018**
- Preliminary discussion favored St Cloud for 2018; Mike will talk to our good friends there

### **Other Business**

- Much appreciation for IMA, ARM, & MngMn dorm subsidy, which makes a big difference

***Next meeting: Doodle poll to come***

Meeting adjourned; Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson