

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Monday, September 23, 2013

Attendees

Harvey Thorleifson	George Hudak*	Fred Corrigan	Jim Miller
Mike Hultgren	Dennis Martin*	Craig Pagel*	Julie Varichak*

*Attended by teleconference

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for April 4, 2013 – motion to approve by Harvey Thorleifson, 2nd by Jim Miller, no discussion, motion carried.

Report of the Chair:

- Fred Corrigan expressed appreciation to all, and noted how well MCMRE and MMEW affairs are going; he suggested at least one more meeting this calendar year, to elect the new Board, and to clarify the arrangement to oversee the 2014 workshop

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- Jim Miller presented his report on the highly successful 2013 workshop, the 16th annual Minnesota Minerals Education Workshop (MMEW) held June 18-20, 2013 at Hibbing Community College
- There were 74 registrants, the 6th highest attendance ever
- There were 23 instructors and volunteers
- The field trip program was impressive, focusing on western Range iron ore and aggregate, as well as DNR and NRRI facilities
- Commissioner Tony Sertich gave the keynote
- Teachers were presented with educational resources
- The final workshop costs came in \$624 under budget
- The scholarship offer of discounted lodging at the Hibbing Park Hotel totaled \$1920 – special thanks to IMA, ARM, & MngMN for sponsoring this
- Feedback from participants was favorable, and included helpful suggestions
- MCMRE needs to make a payment to NRRI for both the 2013 & 2012 workshops
- Everyone was pleased with the program, the budget, and the financial outcome
- There was support for a 2014 workshop in the southwest, focusing on mineral production in the region
- A workshop focus on optimizing mineral resource management in the MN River Valley was endorsed
- NRRI has generously supported the workshop with staff time during Jim's 3-year term
- We are pleased that discussions are underway regarding the potential for a similar role by DNR
- Handling of money will remain with MCMRE, and an online registration service would reduce effort
- All were pleased that NRRI will be able to continue maintaining the MMEW web site

Report of Vice Chair – Administration

- Mike Hultgren reviewed status of our funds; we have about \$33k in hand
- We continue to strive to carry over one year's budget in reserve
- Our finances are in excellent order
- Mike will send payment to NRRI for 2012 & 2013 workshops
- Mike will invoice ARM, IMA, & MngMN for housing subsidy
- Mike will pay Aubrey for compiling the evaluations at her Duluth address

Report of Vice Chair –Finance

- Craig Pagel reported that requests are ready to go out, pending material on the past & coming workshops
- This will be sent out within a month
- Everyone was pleased with excellent work by the fundraising team being led by Craig

Other Business

- none

Next meeting planned for October 21st, 11:30 AM, at MGS

Meeting adjourned.