

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 23, 2014, 2 PM at DNR in St Paul

Attendees

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

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2014 – motion to approve by Mike, 2nd by Hannah, no discussion, motion carried.

Report of the Chair:

- Jim Miller expressed appreciation to all, and noted how well MCMRE and MMEW affairs are going

Report of Vice Chair – Administration

- Mike Hultgren reviewed status of our funds - \$24k balance
- \$10.1k donated so far this year; \$17.5 in expenses
- The 2014 MMEW books are almost final
- IMA, ARM, & MM need to be invoiced for housing subsidy
- Need to confirm if we need to settle with NRRI re income &/or expense
- Our finances are in excellent order
- MMEW 2014 will only draw ~\$15k in MCMRE, but this was a frugal year; supplies depleted
- Need to count on \$20 in income each year to balance expense
- Jim will model expenses, & Mike will model income, to develop rules-of-thumb
- Mike will confirm that the annual 501c3 report is being done

Report of Vice Chair –Finance

- Craig reported that autumn letters will soon be sent
- Hannah and Jim will prepare an executive summary of MMEW 2014 to go with letters
- Harvey indicated that SME has again confirmed a contribution of \$5k
- In April, we agreed to send one letter per year, and follow up with parties not heard from

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- The entire team did a superb job on MMEW 2014
- 64 attended – good considering location; long-term average is 68
- 5 cancellations, at least in part due to lack of credit
- Survey monkey compiled – worked well; Feedback from participants very positive
- Field trips very positively reviewed; ditto for sessions; food & lack of audio not so positive
- Teachers want social media interaction – Hannah will look into this
- Will add photo consent to registration
- Hannah will renew mmew.org registration
- Final report completed by Hannah and Jim
- Julie noted opportunities for increasing links to SME MEC
- Storage issue resolved – DNR Hibbing drill core library
- Hannah will check on hard hat expiry date
- Discussion on site for MMEW 2015
- Motion: Harvey/Cheryl, to hold MMEW 2015 in Duluth, good discussion, motion carried

Other Business

- Jim announced that he plans to move to Canada in mid-2016; he would like to stay involved
- The MCMRE Board has deeply appreciated the significant roles that NRRI has played in supporting MCMRE and MMEW; we very much want to maintain this important partnership
- Jim has discussed Ernie's successor as MngMN rep with Frank, and has identified a possibility
- Dennis & Hannah noted that DNR staff are unable to be involved with funds; this is OK
- All is well!

Date, place and time of next meeting: December 4th suggested; Hannah will do a Doodle poll for time

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson