

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 13, 2017, 3-5 PM at DNR in St Paul

Attendees

At DNR: Heather Arends, Fred Corrigan, Mike Hultgren, Kelsey Johnson, Andrea Reed, Harvey Thorleifson
By Phone: Brian Allison, George Hudak (for Rolf Weberg), Jim Miller; Unable to attend: Julie Marinucci

- Agenda agreed to as circulated
- Approval of Minutes for September 18, 2017 – motion to approve by Kelsey, 2nd by Fred; carried

Report of the Chair - Mike

- Mike welcomed the group, he indicated how pleased he is with how well things are going, and thanked everyone for their effort
- Mike asked Harvey to propose a board slate for 2018, and Harvey did so, while indicating his confidence that the slate will be compatible with our bylaws, in relation to, for example, term limits and representation of sectors
- **Motion** by Harvey, 2nd by Mike - that the 2018 MCMRE Board be Chair Mike Hultgren of AIPG, Vice Chair Administration Fred Corrigan of ARM, Vice Chair Finance Kelsey Johnson of IMA, non-voting Vice Chair Operations Andrea Reed of DNR, as well as Directors Allyz Kramer of SME, George Hudak of NRRRI, Harvey Thorleifson of MGS, Jim Miller of UMD, and Brian Allison of MESTA, as well as non-voting Director Heather Arends of DNR; carried
- We are pleased that George represented Rolf at Board meetings this year, and we anticipate that Julie might represent Allyz in the coming year; Harvey will update <http://www.mcmre.org/>
- Harvey will contact Frank regarding a potential Board member from nonferrous

Report of Vice Chair – Administration - Fred

- Fred reported that finances are in good order, and that there has been little change since the last meeting
- Still waiting to be billed by Vermilion Community College - maybe \$6 to 8k; Reserves are in good shape

Report of Vice Chair – Finance - Kelsey

- Kelsey and Katy, working with Fred and Frank, are planning a letter in the spring
- We are refining our annual procedure for a letter, and needed case-by-case follow-up
- Let's all support Katy and Kelsey as needed
- Final MMEW reports are required by some donors; the Executive Summary is crucial for the requests
- Past reports are on the MMEW web site <http://www.mmew.org/> (*Thanks for excellent web work, Brian!*)

Report of the Vice Chair – Operations – discussion led by Andrea

- MMEW 2018 will be in the St Cloud area at College of Saint Benedict
- Dates will be June 19-21; facility contract is ready to be signed; St B staff have been very helpful
- Dorms at St B – excellent – apartment style – AC – \$42 /person/night
- Fred will discuss the much appreciated and very helpful dorm subsidy with Kelsey and Frank
- Good discussions with Carrie, Christina, Kate, Terry, and others about field trip plans
- Field trips will be a hard rock day, and a soft rock day
- Excellent discussions re Cemstone, Coldspring, Martin Marietta, and others, and geology stops
- Perhaps a picnic at Quarry Park
- Discussion on how best to do reimbursements, advances, or credit card
- **Motion**, Fred/Kelsey, to OK a prepaid credit card for \$1k or so, receipts to be submitted; carried
- Program plans underway; possible plenary on curriculum development
- IMA has excellent Taconite Rocks material
- Brian offered insights into earth science standards
- Planning 12 rather than 16 session leaders, and a longer keynote; call for speakers is out
- MESTA listserv is moving – we will watch for this; will do promo at MESTA
- Andrea will look into MnSTA and Education Minnesota
- A mail-out postcard or poster is effective but expensive
- Brian mentioned a possible ad in Education Minnesota monthly
- Kelsey suggested development of an overall promotion strategy, a budget, and ID of cost/benefit priorities
- We will strive for attendance by 90 active professional educators – 2 full buses
- We will plan to update some of our materials; Heather mentioned importance of school trust awareness

Other Business

- Things are going well, thanks to excellent work all around!

Next meeting: maybe late March of early April, Doodle poll to come

Meeting adjourned; Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson; Minutes are available at <http://www.mcmre.org/>