

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for September 15, 2010

Attendees:

Fred Corrigan, ARM	Jim Miller, UMD
Dave Olson, DNR	Mike Hultgren, AIPG
Harvey Thorleifson, MGS	Cheryl Sill, MESTA
Barb Lusardi, MGS	Marsha Patelke, NRRI

Approval of Minutes for June 16, 2010 and Agenda for September 15, 2010- motion to approve by Cheryl; 2nd by Mike, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried. Note that minutes are posted on the website.

Summary of 2010 workshop.

Discussion:

- Harvey: A great success, with credit to many people
- Lynn (via e-mail): noted key individuals and their contributions
- Barb: indicated positive response by instructors
- Cheryl: positive response of participants; need "geologist on bus" for field trips; walkie talkies would help with communications
- Mike: Non-standard trips (fewer geology stops) this year.
- Fred: Registration database system is now in place; e-mail addresses available for all participants
- Dave: next year will be different; more emphasis on copper-nickel mine permitting
- Jim: Possibly look to relocate workshop from Central Mesabi Range (Hibbing or Chisholm) closer to a copper-nickel location (Virginia or Ely)

Transition to 2011:

Dates: June 21-23rd (earlier than previous years)

Discussion:

- Closest Copper-Nickel locations: Ely (Vermilion Community College, site of 2008 workshop); Virginia (Mesaba Community College, maybe offers more variety for field trips).
- Don't over focus on any one resource: Cu-Ni, Fe ore, industrial minerals
- Gold? Precious metals
- Not necessary to change location, Cu-Ni issues could be presented as a class
- Provides an opportunity to show relevance of geology/mining to politics and real-world issues
- Need to keep locations and topics fresh for returning participants
- We need to make sure all sectors are well-represented.
- Be wary of industry representatives as presenters (early on bad teacher response). We should convey science and facts; not policies
- In other years, industry keynote speakers well-received.

Action Items:

- Lynn to coordinate with Jim to schedule program committee to meet soon to wrap up 2010 workshop and discuss transition to new committee.
- Jim to plan for meeting November 9 or so to work on location options, venues, field trip stops, etc.

Finance Update:

Fred report:

- Fred distributed financial statements (to be e-mailed to attendees); includes IRS letter indicating our 501c3 status
- Still waiting on "big food" bill from Macalester (est. \$4,000)
- Summary:

\$16,000 at beginning of year
\$11,500 income (contributions)
\$10,600 expenses (workshop)
\$17,000 balance
\$4,000 bill due to Macalester
\$13,000 balance after workshop

Goal to maintain about \$16,000 (workshop budget) in reserve.

Discussion:

ARM and IMA to discuss exchanging responsibilities for registration as workshop changes locations. It makes sense, however, to keep corporate (banking and contribution) aspects in central location established here by ARM. Workshop aspects (registration) could perhaps be taken over by IMA, especially with the workshop location up north.

Action Items:

Jim will discuss with Craig whether IMA is able to do this.
Jim will provide details as they develop regarding 2011 location, field trips, etc. to help with year-end fundraising efforts.

Wrap-up Discussion:

Promotional items helpful in attracting participants to this workshop.
Suggest sending "save the date" e-mail to MESTA and MMEW participants. Also post on our website (since the date is changing).

Action Items:

Jim will send text to Barb and Fred to distribute
Jim will contact John Heine about posting the information to the website.

Next meeting, November 17; time TBA

Meeting adjourned