MINUTES OF THE
American Society of Mining and Reclamation
National Executive Committee Teleconference Call
Wednesday, November 24, 2014
0800-0940 CST

Attendees:
NEC
President: Joe Friedlander
President Elect: Brenda Schladweiler
Past President: Bob Nairn
Executive Secretary: Robert Darmody
Members: Chris Blake
Cally Driessen
Bob Dunker
Jennifer Franklin, Tech. Div. Representative
Chris Johnston
Barry Stewart

Invited Guests
JASMR Editor-in-Chief: Dick Barnhisel
Awards Committee Chairman: Jerry Schuman
Financial Advisory Committee: Carl Zipper

Agenda Items
1. Joe Friedlander called the meeting to order at 0806 CST.
   1.1 No agenda items were added.
   1.2 Barry moved and Bob Dunker seconded to approve the September 3, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion unanimously approved.

   2.1 Current balance, expenses and income were discussed (Darmody).
      2.1.1 Bob Darmody asked and Dick B. clarified what was meant by “Life Fund”. It is an account related to Life Memberships which is generally rolled over into the Administrative Account. The continued need for this fund was discussed. Joe indicated that he and Bob Darmody will visit separately. No action was taken at this time.
      2.1.2 Bob also asked Dick B. to clarify what the Klimstra Fund was. It pays for annual dues for Student Chapter Presidents. The interest goes to the General Account. This renews every five years.

   2.2 Investment Committee Report (Zipper)
      2.2.1 Carl Zipper indicated the CD’s are transitioning into one large investment account. The account is maintained at Schwab and is moderately conservative.
      2.2.1.1 Bob Darmody is providing Carl with a spreadsheet each quarter that contains much detail.
2.2.1.2 Carl’s goal is to provide a simple quarterly report to the NEC without the day to day detail.

2.3 2015 Budget (Darmody)
   2.3.1 The proposed budget for fiscal year ending October 31, 2015, as presented to the NEC, was discussed.
   2.3.2 The proposed budget shows a $15,000 deficit to be conservative, especially since the revenue from the Lexington meeting is not known at this time.
      2.3.2.1 There are sufficient assets to cover this deficit for the current fiscal year but every effort should be made to bring it to a positive.
      2.3.2.2 Unrealized gains in the market are listed as zero.
   2.3.2.3 Brenda moved and Barry seconded to approve the budget as presented. Motion unanimously approved.

2.4 Status of Audit (Darmody)
   2.4.1 $5000 budgeted.
   2.4.2 Mike Smith, who manages the ASMR Schwab account, is conducting the audit.
   2.4.3 Audit will be completed by 12-31-14. Bob Darmody will follow up.

3. Major Awards Report (Schuman)
   3.1 Bob Darmody sent out call by November 1.
   3.2 There is one carryover from last year. Jerry sent letter to nominator who will revise the package and resubmit.
   3.3 Jerry asked if awards call can be put on the web. Dick B. said yes. Jerry will look at web again to make sure the application forms and call are on there and get back to Dick B.
   3.4 Consideration of two new awards, Distinction in Reclamation and Early Career
      3.4.1 No cash, plaque only.
      3.4.2 Free registration.

4. Annual Meetings Reports
   4.1 2015 Lexington meeting status (Barnhisel)
      4.1.1 It will be a joint conference with ARRI (their 9th annual meeting).
         4.1.1.1 ASMR and ARRI will both present awards.
      4.1.2 The theme is “Reclamation for a Sustainable Future”.
      4.1.3 There is room for 30 exhibitors. Tables will be 8-feet long.
      4.1.4 Possible plenary speakers were discussed, including Mitch McConnell.
      4.1.5 Status of field trips, events and tours were discussed. Important not to compete with the Forestry presentations.
      4.1.6 There will be three possible tee-times at the adjacent golf course.
      4.1.7 Six abstracts so far for the December deadline. It was discussed that a second deadline in mid-January may be appropriate. Brenda asked if low submittals are common at this point prior to a conference. Bob Nairn indicated that there was a huge influx of abstracts at the end of the second call late into the spring. Dick B. indicated that the Lexington second deadline would be earlier in the
spring or winter. Chris Johnston indicated a reminder prior to any
deadline is appropriate.

4.1.8 The Kentucky chapter of SME is another conference sponsor.
4.1.9 Status of sponsorships was discussed.
   4.1.9.1 Dick B. asked if Bob Darmody could provide a list of
           exhibitors and sponsors from Oklahoma.

4.2 2016 Spokane meeting status (Schladweiler)
   4.2.1 Brenda read the latest correspondence from Dustin Wasley.
   4.2.2 Dustin indicated the hotel where the PNWIS conference was held
           this year was booked in June 2016 but that an adjacent new hotel
           should be constructed by summer 2015.
   4.2.3 Bob Darmody will set up a conference call prior to Christmas for the
           2016 Planning Committee.

4.3 2017 meeting plan ideas – Pittsburgh was an idea especially since OSM has shown
     an interest
   4.3.1 Bob Darmody should contact OSM to verify that interest.

4.4 Annual meeting handbook (Nairn)
   4.4.1 Bob is still putting together a “meeting handbook” for future
         planning efforts and will try to complete by 12-31-14.
   4.4.1.1 He hopes to get it done over Christmas vacation while
           he is away from his on-campus duties.

5. JASMR (Barnhisel)
   5.1 Four papers are ready for the “fall” edition which is behind where it should be.
   5.2 Dick B. has been having difficulty with timely review of ecology papers. Jerry
           Schuman has expressed an interest to be an Associate Editor of Ecology.
   5.3 Dick B. will followup on getting a new Associate Editor of Ecology.

6. Memorial Scholarship Report (Stewart)
   6.1 Call for student awards was posted on the web site.
   6.2 Students should be encouraged to reapply, if not a recipient of earlier awards.
   6.3 March 31 is the deadline.
   6.4 Barry will send reminder.

7. Technical Divisions Report (Franklin)
   7.1 There are still some missing charters for some divisions. Jennifer will get hold of
       current TD chairs.
   7.2 Jennifer asked Dick B. to schedule a meeting for TD chairs in Lexington, preferably
       during the main portion of the week rather than Sunday.
   7.3 If needed, Jerry Schuman has voiced an interest in being a TD chair for ecology.

8. ASMR Election Results (Darmody)
   8.1 ElectionBuddy worked well.
   8.2 Pete Stahl won President.
   8.3 Jim Gusek and Gwen Guide won NEC positions.
   8.4 Bob Darmody mentioned there was no provision in the current bylaws for a tie.
   8.4.1 Dick B. said that, in years past if needed, his vote was the tie-breaker but it was never used.
8.4.2 There was a tie in the NEC a couple of years ago which is why there were three positions created instead of the normal two.
8.4.3 A bylaw change will be on the next meeting agenda (Joe).
8.5 Bob Darmody will send an email to each candidate with the results.

9. Insurance status: Meeting, ASMR, NEC (Darmody)
9.1 Most insurance companies insist that ASMR is an international organization. Bob Darmody thinks this is due to the web site listing “other societies” that ARE international in nature.
9.2 One agency did give a bid. Will need another couple of months for two more bids. Bob Darmody will follow up.
9.3 Dick B. will try to clear up web site wording to avoid confusion.

10. Membership Category Discussion
10.1 Membership by category, fees report (Darmody)
   10.1.1 Last time fees were changed is 2003.
   10.1.2 Joe recommended that individual life membership increase from the current $500 to $1000.
      10.1.2.1 Chris Johnston asked what are the incentives to be a Life Member. It was determined the primary incentive is to save money over the course of your career.
      10.1.2.2 Brenda moved and Chris Johnston seconded to raise the current Life Member rate from $500 to $1000 beginning in 2016. Motion unanimously approved.
      10.1.2.2.1 Bob Darmody will send out a notice of rate increase which may spur increases in that membership category.
   10.1.3 Bob Darmody discussed that 44% of membership do not identify with a particular TD or indicate they are willing to review a paper.

11. Membership survey (Nairn)
   11.1 Bob Nairn will try to complete by 12-31-14, similar deadline to Conference Handbook.

12. Membership Outreach and Publicity (Friedlander)
   12.1 Website
      12.1.1 Friedlander compiling list of additional website action items. Will get with Dick B. this winter.
   12.2 Reclamation Matters magazine electronic version
      12.2.1.1 Printing contract with Dell would be impacted.
      12.2.1.2 Jeff Skousen prefers current format.
      12.2.1.3 Agreed to retain paper version.
   12.3 National Association of State Land Reclamationists (NASLR) at 2015 meeting
      12.3.1 Joe has talked two times with this group in the last two months.
      12.3.2 Not sure if they will participate in the 2015 meeting.
      12.3.3 Joe will followup and get with Dick B. on whether they are part of the 2015 meeting.
12.3.4 Coordination with Soil Science Society for webinars (Schladweiler)

12.3.4.1 Brenda received an email from Clay Robinson November 24.

12.3.4.2 He will get with Luther Smith, SSSA, and send out in December a list of potential January webinar times.

12.3.4.3 Brenda will follow up with Clay Robinson.

13. Next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2015 from 0800-1000 CST. There being no other business for the good of the order, Barry moved to adjourn the meeting and Bob Dunker seconded. Motion unanimously approved. Meeting was adjourned at 0940 CST.