MINUTES OF THE
American Society of Mining and Reclamation
National Executive Committee Teleconference Call
Wednesday, September 3, 2014
10:00 – 12:00 CDT

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

Invited Guests
JASMR Editor-in-Chief: Dick Barnhisel
Financial Advisory Committee: Carl Zipper

Agenda Items
1. Joe Friedlander called the meeting to order at 10:02AM CDT. Due to the previous meeting minutes being sent this morning prior to the conference call and lack of review time, approval of the June 19, 2014 minutes will be moved to the November meeting agenda or approved by email prior to that date.
   1.1 It was determined that a quorum was present on the conference call to conduct business.
   1.2 No agenda items were added.
   1.3 The next meeting will start at 8AM CDT rather than 9 as discussed in OKC.

2. The Financial Report (as of July 31 2014) was presented by Bob Darmody.
   2.1 Current balance, expenses and income were discussed
      2.1.1 One additional matured CD was added to the checking account after 7-31-14 and is not reflected in the current report as such. It will be transferred to the investment account.
      2.1.2 One additional matured CD that came due today will be sent to Bob Darnody this week from Dick Barnhisel.
   2.2 Status of audit – deadline is still 9-30-14. Bob Darmody to follow up.
   2.3 Reconciliation of funds and endowments, cd’s – this has been completed.
   2.4 2015 budget preparation status – Bob Darmody will draft by 9-30.
      2.4.1 Fiscal year ends October 31, 2014.
      2.4.2 Budget will be summarized in 1-2 sheets for NEC review.
      2.4.3 Dick indicated budget was done last fall.

3. Financial Committee Report – Bob Darmody provided with input from Joe Friedlander
   3.1 The word “draft” in the Investment Policy will be removed and thus finalized. Bob D. to do.
3.2 Bob Darmody will provide a quarterly financial update during the November NEC call with input from Carl Zipper.

4. Memorial Scholarship Report – Joe F. provided
   4.1 Barry Stewart’s intent is to get the notice out later this fall with a reminder in January.
   4.2 There is a procedure to solicit scholarship applications.
   4.3 Dick will ask Barry to send him those announcements so he can put them on the web page.

5. Major Awards Report – Joe provided
   5.1 Schuman will send out announcements by November 1.
   5.2 Consideration of industry and early career awards – there was no discussion on this item.

6. Technical Divisions Report – Jennifer Franklin provided
   6.1 No general news but TD’s are providing review for the journal.
   6.2 At the Lexington meeting, TD meetings are needed according to feedback.
   6.3 Notes from at least two TD meetings in OKC was received by Dick, i.e., Michele Coleman for Soils and ??? for Water.
      6.3.1 Should get others to put on the web page.
   6.4 Some TD’s were combined, e.g., Tailings and Landscape Design were combined with other TD’s.
   6.5 TD chairs will still be session moderators.
   6.6 Abstracts are sent to TD chairs.

7. Annual Meetings Report
   7.1 2014 Oklahoma City wrap-up (Nairn)
      7.1.1 220 people, 70 from OK
      7.1.2 $15,794 net loss due mainly to hotel room attrition cost of $16,000
      7.1.2.1 Signed contract for certain number of rooms
         7.1.2.1.1 If that would have been adhered to, attrition costs would have been about $3200 instead of $16,000
         7.1.2.1.2 Increased number due to fear of lack of available rooms during the conference for NBA playoffs
         7.1.2.1.3 30% of attendees were local and did not stay at the hotel or stayed elsewhere
         7.1.2.1.4 Dick indicated that this is “common” and cited St. Louis and Tampa and that the national meeting endowment fund covers the shortfall
         7.1.2.1.5 Brenda asked if Dick (or Bob Darmondy now) should review hotel contracts and the consensus was that the local people could handle it
7.1.3 Purchased flash drives for multiple years which was an expense for the 2014 meeting
7.1.4 Purchased a portable printer for Bob Darmody
7.1.5 Big ticket items were greater than $75,000
7.1.6 Surveys indicated mainly positive feedback
   7.1.6.1 Dick wanted to be copied on the surveys; Bob N. will do

7.2 2015 Lexington meeting status (Barnhisel)
7.2.1 Had conference call two weeks ago but have no recorded minutes from that call.
7.2.2 The theme is likely going to be “Reclamation for a Sustainable Future”.
7.2.3 It will be a joint conference with ARRI (their 9th annual meeting)
7.2.4 Steve Gardner, past or current SME president, has joined the planning committee.
7.2.5 Running club – running course across the street and includes bikes
7.2.6 Financial sponsors and exhibitors are being sought
7.2.7 Possible half-day ARRI session or something on Sunday
7.2.8 Craig Walker, OSM, can put together a full day or ½ day session on bats (including white nosed syndrome)
7.2.9 Several events are planned:
   7.2.9.1 Sunday – workshop, distillery tour, golf, welcome reception
   7.2.9.2 Monday – plenary, Wild Women of Reclamation breakfast
   7.2.9.3 Tuesday – No papers; fieldtrip to eastern KY; event at Horse Park
7.2.10 Another conference call is scheduled for October 8 or 15.
   7.2.10.1 Dick will include Schladweiler on notifications so that she can learn for Spokane.
   7.2.10.2 Same for Friedlander on Lexington.

7.3 2016 Spokane meeting status (Schladweiler)
7.3.1 Emailed Len Ballek who passed Brenda’s questions onto Dustin Wasley. Brenda had not heard back prior to the call.
7.3.2 Joe asked Bob and Dick when they had signed their hotel contracts.
   7.3.2.1 Lexington – March or April 2014
   7.3.2.2 OKC – February 2013
   7.3.2.3 Spokane needs to have hotel in place by similar months in 2015.
7.3.3 It’s important to have a good contract that addresses room blocks, given the experience in OKC.
   7.3.3.1 What is the policy on dropping the number of blocked rooms or raising the number?
    7.3.4 Joe recommended that Brenda set up a conference call this fall with Darmody, Joe, Brenda, Len and Dustin to know the status of hotel investigations.

7.4 2017 meeting plan ideas – Pittsburgh was an idea especially since OSM has shown an interest

7.5 Annual meeting handbook (Nairn)
7.5.1 Bob putting together a “meeting handbook” for future planning efforts by 12-31-14
   7.5.1.1 Electronic spreadsheet can be included
   7.5.1.2 Dick indicated that he has worked on a similar document from the Richmond meeting but a lot has likely changed; he will get information to Bob N. to include in his 2014 summary.

8. Insurance status: Meeting, ASMR, NEC (Darmody)
   8.1 Three types
     8.1.1 Meeting
       8.1.1.1 Not addressed yet for Lexington.
       8.1.1.2 Such insurance covers liability from beginning to end for the hotel and field trips.
         8.1.1.2.1 Some transportation vehicles do not have such coverage, e.g., University of Kentucky in Lexington; they are self-insured.
       8.1.1.3 Cost for OKC was $300 according to Bob N.
       8.1.1.4 Bob D. will follow up.
     8.1.2 Organization
       8.1.2.1 $400 for organization according to State Farm but dropped due to international nature.
       8.1.2.2 Bob Darmody talked to Wells Fargo but it was very expensive. He will follow up with local Chamber of Commerce for the organization.
     8.1.3 Joe asked NEC members to check their homeowners policy to see if they had personal coverage through that insurance.

9. Upcoming NEC, ASMR president election (Nairn)
   9.1 Bob Nairn, Barry, and Bob Dunker are committee
   9.2 They need more names
   9.3 Kim Vories has volunteered for President’s position
   9.4 Need President and 2 NEC nominations
   9.5 Need names by September 19 for committee to call
   9.6 Brenda offered Michele Coleman’s name for President
   9.7 Zenah Orndorff’s name was offered for NEC
   9.8 Abbey Wick was discussed as a possible candidate for some position. She has recently gone off NEC.
   9.9 Niece Baumann (spelling) from Ohio was mentioned.
   9.10 Joe asked if the final list of candidates could be reviewed by NEC prior to going out to the general membership.
   9.11 A reminder that candidates must be members was made.

10. Membership Category Discussion (should there be a change in membership categories?)
    10.1 Bob Darmody listed the categories and current numbers:
        10.1.1 Student – 21
        10.1.2 Regular – 212
10.1.3 Sustaining – 2
10.1.4 Corporate 36
10.1.5 Person Life – 71
10.1.6 Corporate Life - 6
10.1.7 A motion was tabled to change the fees associated with these categories until a proposal could be made. The vote on that proposal will take place in the November phone call.

10.1.8 Last time any change in fees associated with these categories was made was 2003.

10.2 Previous discussion on adding potential retiree membership category

10.2.1 The addition of this category and fee associated with this will be part of the November phone call.

10.3 Bob Darmody will send out current categories, numbers and fees associated with each category.

11. Compilation of bylaws & policies into a single book

11.1 It was discussed that the only known “policy” is financial

11.2 Dick will look and see if other policies exist and get that information to Bob Darmody and Joe

12. Membership survey (Nairn)

12.1 Bob Nairn will do by 12-31-14.

13. Coordination with Soil Science Society for webinars (Schladweiler)

13.1 Brenda emailed Clay Robinson, who is the Education Coordinator for SSSA and presented to the NEC in OKC.

13.2 Brenda read Clay’s response, i.e., what an example webinar session would be like.

13.3 Brenda inquired how much interest in the NEC there would be to participate.

13.3.1 Joe, Brenda, Bob Dunker and Chris Blake said they would participate

13.3.2 Brenda will ask SSSA for three potential dates and times and send invite to the entire NEC

14. Membership Outreach and Publicity

14.1 Website update (Barnhisel)

14.1.1 Dick indicated that top attendance on the web page is usually for upcoming meetings, followed by the Journal and proceedings.

14.1.2 Friedlander compiling list of additional website action items

14.2 Journal of American Society of Mining and Reclamation update (Barnhisel)

14.2.1 There is a lack of papers for the next issue.

14.2.2 Timely reviews is also an issue.

14.2.3 Requests were sent to every presenter at OKC.

14.2.4 There are two paper holdovers from a previous edition (Barnhisel and Nairn).

14.2.5 When the announcements for papers and presentations for Lexington go out, people should be encouraged to, not only present, but submit a paper to the Journal since it may be easier to write such material in the winter. Summer is an historical problem for submittals but holdovers have been more in the past.
14.3 Reclamation Matters magazine
   14.3.1 Widening circulation
   14.3.1.1 Dick provided history that advertising did not pay for printing. Suggested keeping it at 1000 names
   14.3.1.2 Brenda asked if magazine was available electronically?
       14.3.1.2.1 Dick said it is but is 6 months out.
       14.3.1.2.2 Is there a possibility that it could go 100% electronic and be current?
       14.3.1.2.3 Dick indicated that there is plenty of space on the server.
   14.3.1.3 Bob Darmody will discuss possibilities with Jeff Skousen and Joe

14.4 ASMR White Papers
   14.4.1 Dick said there are “opportunities”. Not much interest was discussed, however.

14.5 Contacts with other groups (Friedlander)
   14.5.1 National Association of State Land Reclamationists (NASLR) at 2015 meeting
       14.5.1.1 Dick indicated that a member of the Lexington planning committee was part of this organization
       14.5.1.2 Combining associations add to hotel rooms and helps to avoid attrition
       14.5.1.3 Opportunities for them include a ½ day session or evening social
       14.5.1.4 Joe talked with Dick and it seemed better to roll such groups into the meetings rather than the organization itself
       14.5.1.5 Discussion was made that several state agency people did not attend due to travel restrictions including those affected by the federal budget

14.5.2 NAAMLP is another option for NASLR to combine with

15. There being no other business for the good of the order, Bob Nairn moved to adjourn the meeting and Bob Darmody seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 1144 CDT.