

Business Meeting
June 21, 2007
Park City, Utah

Meeting was called to order at 12:20 by Rick Krannich; 55 members were in attendance; he encouraged attendees to ask questions and make comments, and indicated that all reports from the few standing committees we have would be brief so as to leave time for discussion among IASNR members and ISSRM attendees. He also indicated that much of what we focused on this year was in response to what we heard at last year's Business Meeting (in Victoria, BC) and he again encouraged members to provide Council feedback.

He then introduced the members of Council who were present including Jean Mangun, Angela Mertig, Linda Kruger, Matt Carroll, Sarah Lloyd (and Rick Krannich and Al Luloff).

Doug Jackson-Smith then provided an overview of the ISSRM Meetings including the fact that they would be emailing a brief evaluation form to attendees. He indicated that they were going to do their best to make more materials available for members to download from the website including PDF, PPT, and Word files – to do this he encouraged all members to upload their papers on the website which will be maintained for at least another month (we own the domain to ISSRM07 for three years and hopefully these materials will migrate to the IASNR website. Attendance was quite good with 650 members and he was especially proud of the fact that the organization had made good progress in reducing its ecological footprint.

Mark Brunson then reported on the efforts the Local Arrangements Committee to reduce this footprint. He indicated the need for us to all remember the Six R's: research, reduce, reuse, recycle, [be] responsible, and rejoice. He wants to encourage that this process become part of the bidding process for future meetings and he encouraged members and attendees to send suggestions for further reducing our footprint to Lorien.

Rick then led the organization in recognizing Doug, Lorien, and the other members of the Local Arrangements Committee for their outstanding efforts and their responsiveness and attention to detail. He also announced the next two meetings – June 11-14, 2008 at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont (ISSRM2008.org) and July 4-7, 2009 in Vienna, Austria.

Rick then reported on Executive Committee and Council activities over the past year. These included: (1) the posting of our minutes on our website; (2) approval of the Vienna 2009 meetings during the first week of July; (3) approval of the fourth student chapter of IASNR located at the University of Alberta; (4) the creation of on-line membership renewal and meeting registration abilities; (5) the approval of a \$10 dues increase for professional members as of 2008 to help underwrite costs associated with on-line memberships and registration programming. He indicated that Council also agreed to not impose any other increases (save those that might come from Taylor and Francis who

owns the journal) for a two to three year period. In addition, the Council approved a reduction in student membership fees from \$60 to \$35 for those students who choose a no-journal option; developed a proposal for a mentoring program which will begin this Fall; continued work on a Membership Directory that will be on line and accessible only to members who will also be given an option to not be listed; the organization will continue to work on and improve its website that will include some of the materials assembled as part of the Teaching Workshop held as a pre-session at the Park City Meetings; Keeping in Touch, our newsletter, will be published this fall and forwarded to all members as an email attachment reducing costs of printing and postage; he then turned to the seriousness with which the Council views its commitment to the international nature of our organization. Due to bids from various members to host these meetings, there will be three meetings held in North America (Victoria, BC; Park City, UT; and Burlington, VT) but we will be in Vienna in 2009 and in 2011 we will likely be in another international site, probably one that we have not been at before. Clearly the organization is moving in a direction that demonstrates its international commitment but to achieve this goal it will require our international members stepping up and volunteering to host the meetings and become more active in the running of the organization; this led to a brief discussion of the need for members to begin to think about the process of nominating (including self-nominations) people for six council positions including five four-year professional member positions and one two-year position for a student member; the editorial board will also be searching for some new members and the society will begin the process of identifying a new editor as Matt and Steve's three-year term is coming to a conclusion; finally he indicated the Council is still struggling with membership renewals in the sense that many members do not renew in January but wait until the annual meetings in June which creates a problem for Taylor and Francis who publish our journal. This continues to be a topic of discussion for Council and for the Executive Committee with Taylor and Francis.

There was a question from the floor about whether the organization planned to continue the Student Forum held in Logan prior to the meetings in Park City. Rick answered that the Council will discuss this, that event was clearly useful and successful, and that the Vermont organizers were willing to make it part of their efforts next year.

Al Luloff reported on the status of the organization – we have 815 members and nearly \$122,000 in our accounts which are handled by a State College CPA. He distributed a Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for 2006 to those in attendance.

Matt Carroll then reported on the status of the journal and that an analysis of journal material for the last ten years had been undertaken by Toddi Steelman and Troy Hall and hopes that the paper will be included in the final issue of Volume 20 of Society and Natural Resources. He indicated that SNR has always been seen as cutting edge and wanted to let the members know that we now have an entirely web-based editorial process with all submissions and communications via website. He also asked for members to serve as reviewers and that they indicate their areas of interest, including international contexts, and the need for each member to identify keywords to describe these interests.

Linda Kruger then thanked the members for attending the new members meeting – and asked for those in attendance to contact her with any suggestions or questions.

Rick then began the open discussion. Several major topics were discussed. The first focused on awards both for members and for organizations and/or people not affiliated with IASNR but who are committed to improving environmental conditions. This led to a discussion of bringing more agency personnel and local leaders-activists to the meetings and engaging them in discussions with our membership. We next discussed ways to further involve students in the various sessions which segued into a discussion of regional chapters which could function to increase involvement and provide a focus on a broad set of issues broadly shared by a set of members. Those in attendance were encouraged to pursue these ideas. Finally, there was some limited discussion of how to broaden the conference by adding field trips and other events used by related organizations to enhance the experience of attending their meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00.