

IASNR – Council Meeting  
Park City, UT  
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Morgan Grove and Bob Manning for the Vermont meeting; Gene Theodori for Texas meeting; Hansje Gold-Krueck for HD.gov opportunities for collaboration

Rick opened meeting; highlighted several things we need to do – committee structures (Membership; Nominations; future meeting sites need Site Selection Committee)

Minutes of IASNR Teleconference of 2-9-07; Linda suggested we had talked about having two international meeting conferences in a row, moved to accept; Matt seconded, accepted as printed.

Secretary-Treasurer report as attached – Rick spoke to how we frame meetings with about 400 planned for – so when we get large profits it reflects large attendances but we do not try to generate large profits – just enough to help the host university and the organization. In general, net profits are paid forward to the next host association.

Executive Committee met to discuss possible investment in resources in an account to award students some money for their use as in RSS dissertation/masters research awards. Preliminary discussions were around \$50-60,000 to generate \$5,000-9,000 in awards (two or three).

Joan Brehm will join Arthur Moll, Rich Stedman, and Al Luloff as members of the IASNR Awards Committee. Rick suggested that we bring closure to this with call for nominations by at least the time of the publication of Keeping in Touch.

Linda made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, Angela seconded; accepted unanimously.

Matt – Editorial Office Report – Matt applied for Fulbright and left for five months Troy Hall and Jo-Ellen Force filled in for him – asked Troy to stay on as Special Projects Editor. Troy and Toddi Steelman put together a report on the last ten years of SNR issues which will be included as an article in this year's volume or the first issue of next year. The journal is now electronic with web-based review and tracking system (Scholar One). Steve Hollenurst and Patricia Cohn both handled this – only issue is the search engine for reviewers and they are working on it as we speak.

Dealing with Taylor and Francis is difficult but still good – lots of departments and players but things moved along. Rick indicated that some suggestions have been made to let Human Dimensions of Wildlife be offered as the journal of choice for members in IASNR. Also, since we send membership renewals in November but most join when they

register for the meetings leaves Taylor and Francis in limbo about how many issues they need. However, Taylor and Francis seemed perplexed about changing things from what they are now.

Matt and the editorial office are currently thinking that three years is enough – the organization will need to know by at least July 1, 2008 about whether they will be staying on or not so that the organization can move forward with finding a new editorial location.

Linda for Membership – At 5-6 PM Wednesday there will be a New Members Meeting at the outdoor tent. Carry-over from conference call was the mentorship program – enough interest to move forward and introduce a motion to establish such a program. Linda made motion, Matt seconded. Rick indicated that it was a good thing to make folks happy and felt that we should move forward on this. The forms to be a mentor and mentee will be included in the next Keeping in Touch Newsletter. Motion carried unanimously. Explored need for and interest in a Membership Directory. Joan suggested this be an electronic system that is code-protected to only allow members. Rick also suggested that before we can go forward we need to ensure that members have an ability to opt-out of such a system. Linda made motion (seconded by Joan) that we proceed with a members opt-in, opt-out protocol and go forward with a members only list that can be accessed. Motion passed unanimously.

Joan on Teaching Workshop – Courtney Flint, Brian Eisenhauer, and Joan organized session on Teaching Environment and Natural Resources that was attended by 40-50 folks. Panel of seven folks presented a series of ideas and then a panel discussion of what works. Concluded with the need for access to material and want to expand material to include more information. They would like a web-site access portal to other material with concerns about who maintains it, what goes on it, who pays for it, how material gets posted. Joan wants to have something to feed back to members by the next issue of Keeping in Touch. Morgan suggested using I-Tunes university site as the basis for curricula that makes it available for anyone worldwide. The need and interest in sharing teaching materials is apparent. Rick asked Joan to convene ad-hoc committee to come back to council with some concrete suggestions.

Election discussion – six slots open for election this Spring (folks who will take office in Vermont; new student member, Mohl, Vaske, Chavez, Brehm, and Carroll's four-year terms are ending – Vaske cannot be candidate since it his second term). Need to create Nominations Committee – Jean will Chair this committee, Sarah, Angela will also serve on this committee. She will find additional members from the membership at large including an international member.

Matt would like to see someone from Editors office as a member of council – can do this through changing Constitution or creating an ex-officio role. Linda moved, Jean seconded, that we add an ex-officio member who is not a member of Council to Council. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick's term ends in Vienna – cannot stay longer. We need to begin to mull over the transition to a new Executive Director – who must come from current members of Council. This also holds for Treasurer-Secretary. This will be a major agenda item for next meeting. Rick will email constitution and by-laws to members of council.

2008 ISSRM Update – Bob Manning discussed preliminary materials – they have dates and theme for meetings. He provided a brief discussion about UVM which aspires to be the “environmental” university (especially through the Rubenstein School which has a strong commitment to interdisciplinary education). Vermont remains the most rural state in the nation. Good air service and Amtrak. Manchester is about three hours away and is served by Southwest which is pretty inexpensive. First conference in new Davis facility designed for large gatherings; directly across the street are two housing units that will be used for the meetings; in addition a series of blocks of rooms will be reserved at hotels near to the meeting rooms. UVM will provide resources for a post-doctoral fellow to help organize the meetings. A new web site has been established as well.

2007 ISSRM Meetings – 607 registrants – had a pretty large number of submissions without rejecting very many but this led to lots of complications. To establish a society award system would be a good thing – especially an omnibus award for helping identify people deserving of recognition and/or potentially capable of giving keynote presentations; also encourages the idea of pre-session for students which ended up with 91 students.

Hansje Gold-Krueck on HD.gov – interagency initiative web-portal for agency members and others interested in human dimensions issues. They held a partner meeting attended by 80 people in DC and several other meetings to discuss the effort. The web-portal is run by the partners. Goal is two-fold – (1) a one-stop shop for human dimensions information through the portal with a link to the main site; and (2) provide a mechanism for dialogue about data issues.

Gene Theodori – student awards – the fourth year of student paper awards (three other members – received 12 papers – 6 ms and 6 PhD – two winners Leong (PhD) and Smail (MS) winners

2010 potential site – possibility of hosting a meeting in Texas – maybe north of Houston, the Gulf Coast, Austin, or San Antonio. Theme will revolve around energy.

Fadzilah Cook – 2011 Malaysia as potential international site (concrete proposal has been forwarded to IASNR) – East Malaysia (Sabah). This would be the first Asian venue, conference costs low, very safe, can attract new members from this area – lots of natural resource issues. The site is accessible through Kuala Lumpur. She emphasized the lack of terrorism and ethnic violence in Malaysia. She also highlighted the reasonable registration costs and lower expenses for lodging and meals; already has organized a number of sponsorship relationships with universities and other organizations. She has recruited participation/co-hosting assistance from three Australian universities in addition

to the two research institutes at her university. They have large, modern conference facilities which were highlighted during her presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.