

IASNR Council Meeting Minutes
Burlington, VT
June 12, 2008

Attendees: Matt Carroll, Linda Kruger, Rick Krannich, Joan Brehm, Jim Absher, Angela Mertig, Rich Stedman, Tom Beckley, Debbie Chavez, Kathy Halvorsen, Sarah Lloyd, Troy Hall, Jean Magnum, Carena van Riper (UVM graduate student)

Rick Krannich opened the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Linda Kruger moved to approve minutes from last Council meeting; Joan Brehm seconded; approved unanimously.

Executive Director Report – Rick Krannich

1. SNR Editor Search Committee – Vaske/Brehm/Carroll

Tom Beckley and Troy Hall nominated and endorsed as incoming co-editors of SNR
Appreciation extended to committee for their efforts

2. Council Election Results

| Terms ended | Elected to New Terms |
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| Mol | Brehm – 2nd 4 year term |
| Vaske | Carroll – 2nd 4 year term |
| Chavez | Nijnik – Scotland – 4 year term |
| Lloyd | Absher – 4 year term |
| | Malin – student 2 year term |
| | Halvorsen – 4 year term |

Appreciation extended to nominations committee – Mertig/Mangum/Lloyd – for organizing slate of candidates.

3. Report from ISSRM Site Selection Committee – Kruger/Haider/Luloff/Krannich

2010 – Corpus Christi, TX (Gene Theodori, organizer)

2011 – Malaysia (Fadzilah Cooke, organizer)

4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report – Al Luloff

5. Discussion of possible awards to IASNR members from association funds and future endowment earnings:

Joan Brehm – Early career awards?

Tom Beckley – If successful, bigger amounts to support grad travel to international meetings

No action taken; issue to be revisited in future council meetings

6. SNR Editors' Report – Matt Carroll

277 vs. 181 new submissions – 5 year avg. of 158

Faster turnaround via Manuscript Central

Increased acceptance rate, 35.8% to 38.9%

Increased rate of acceptance related to 1) International papers and 2) reject and resubmit

1 year backlog on accepted manuscripts

a) Taylor & Francis – on-line “first” acceptance possibly acceptable

b) Thicker 10 issues one option; possible move to 12 issues/year

Multiple special issue requests have been received

- One special issue on table “Local Impact of Global Climate Changes”

- Rick has shared with co-editors a formal statement on/about special issues drafted by Fred Buttel several

years ago

Matt highlighted contributions of Assistant Editor Patricia Cohn; not in attendance so that more of SNR funding could be transferred to Troy & Tom; Council approved presentation of a plaque to Patricia to indicate our appreciation for her efforts and contributions

Tom Beckley raised questions about possible efforts to increase international visibility of journal with international associate editor, and about possibly boosting submissions in other categories as opposed to general research articles. Rick suggested the co-editors draft something about this and we will put it out via email for reaction from council members. Tom suggested they may want to relook at categories – synthesis pieces, e.g.

7. Membership Committee Report – Kathy Halvorsen and Debbie Chavez

Successful and valuable mentor program over the past year

Limited attendance at new member meeting; timing of these at future conferences needs to be in the first day or so of meetings

New Proposals and Action Items

1. Sarah Lloyd – introduced request to form a Student Affairs Committee; proposal discussed by Carena van Riper

Committee of students (10) and chair – maybe the student representative to council

Carena – student forum and quiz bowl activities depend on loyal, active students; having a committee would help this

Brehm – student participation is an asset to IASNR – she likes the idea – council rep should chair

Rick – suggested it would make sense to have council student be co-chair; with another student also designated as co-chair

Motion by Lloyd; seconded by Carroll; all voted in favor of creating Student Affairs Committee

2. Request for allocation of an operation budget to support activities of IASNR executive director and secretary/treasurer for activities related to IASNR, including:

Pre-conference planning meetings in Vienna 11/08

Pre-conference planning meetings in Malaysia, at least one person needs to go visit sometime during 2010

- Joan, Matt, Linda, Jean – all spoke to support it, especially with international venues
- Rick suggested an operation budget for executive director not to exceed \$2,500 per year
- Joan motioned; Linda second; unanimous vote in support of motion

3. Planning for implementation of on-line membership directory

Membership renewal form will need to include provisions that allow folks to opt out from having information listed and accessible

No guaranteed way to make it completely secure so that only members can access

- Matt – phone, address, or email address
- Kathy – Keyword list
- Joan – could use similar forms as used by journals

4. Discussion of pending transition in Executive Director position

Rick's term will end 7/09; constitution and bylaws require selection of an executive director from among the currently-seated members of the IASNR Council

although in the future we may want to reconsider the way in which this position is filled and who can stand as candidates, for now we must proceed as per current by-laws

Rick will be recipient of nominations for Executive Director. If he gets only 1 nomination, he will consult with council members regarding acceptability of that nominee. If more than 1 nominee, then a confidential vote process will be implemented

August 1 deadline for nominations; 9/15 deadline for votes on candidate(s)