

**International Association for Society and Natural Resources
Membership Meeting
Corpus Christi – June 9, 2010**

Council Members Present: Jean Mangun, Angela Mertig, Exec. Dir. Al Luloff, Treasurer Jim Finley

Al Luloff began the meeting by thanking Gene Theodori for his management and organization of the Corpus Christi meeting. Gene recognized Paulus Mau for his work on the web site and registration. Although she wasn't present, Gene also recognized Cheryl Hudec who served as the conference coordinator. The official count of attendees for the meeting was 266. There had been 266 abstracts originally submitted; 41 withdrew; 51 poster abstracts were submitted, 11 withdrew.

Secretary Jerry Vaske was not in attendance; therefore, there was no secretary report. The treasurer's report indicated a combined balance in the IASNR and ISSRM accounts of \$200,882.78.

Nominations report: Elected for Council were Matt Carroll, Washington State University, Angela Mertig, Middle Tennessee State University, Tom Fish, Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Units, Naomi Krogman, University of Alberta-Edmonton, Chris Raymond (student representative) University of South Australia.

Society and Natural Resources (SNR) Journal: Tom Beckley, Co-editor, reported a plan was in place to address the existing article backlog. SNR will go to 12 issues in 2010 and there will be 200 extra pages added to that year's 12 issues at no cost to IASNR. Taylor and Francis has agreed to move SNR to IFIRST which will allow them to format, paginate, and publish six months of the journal on the web. This way, authors will be able to "count" articles as published when they appear on the web. Tom also reported the Journal's Impact factor was up again this year, marginally. There is a new book review editor – Dave D. White, Arizona State University. Tom and Troy Hall, the other Co-editor will complete their terms at the end of 2011. A committee is searching for new editors.

Social Ecology Press (SEP) was purchased by IASNR in December 2009. We have been selling books and have a debt of about \$5,500 and a large book inventory. Members will receive a 10 percent discount on book purchases. Those in attendance were asked to use SEP books in instruction. *The Social Impact Assessment* 3-book series is the biggest seller.

Jean Mangun reported on the "paper competition." She proposed applicants submit Letters of Intent (LOIs) every year from the student and their mentor to determine student standing. The papers were generally very good this year and the winners were exceptional.

Student Chapters: No Report.

New Member Committee: At this year's new member meeting there 17 attendees. Based on discussion at the Council meeting, it was decided that the mentor program will continue. There will be another appeal to members through email for additional mentors. Students are still inquiring about the mentor program and it is a relatively low cost program for members to support. The mentor sign-up form is on the website.

Rick Krannich noted about half the attendees at this meeting were students. He suggested a plan be formulated for contacting "dropped" members and those who had not attended this year's meeting. Al indicated the Association would do this. An email was sent to 1,200 unique names asking these previous

members to rejoin and it yielded seven new memberships. The Association has not asked those who have stepped away what it would take to bring them back. Maybe we should invite ex-members to attend next year's dual meetings?

ISSRM 2011: There will be two regional meetings in 2011: June 4 to 8, Madison, Wisconsin, USA, and June 13 to 17, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. (At the time of this annual meeting the dates had not been set for Wisconsin. The dates shown here were confirmed shortly after the 2010 ISSRM closing). The 1992 ISSRM was held at the University of Wisconsin.

There was a suggestion that the Association contact a marketing school to explore ideas for advertising ISSRMs. Al indicated we will check on this. Becky Schewe will help with this project. Maybe we could do a quarterly electronic newsletter. We have not in the past made investments in these types of outreach efforts. We need to think about doing this, as others are. We need to do something innovative. Rick Krannich will call 30 people who have dropped out of IASNR to learn about their choice decision. Courtney Flint also volunteered to call 30 lapsed members.

Currently there is a job listing on the website. Could this be turned into a listserv? This could be done. It was also noted that students use Facebook; however, faculty might be more likely to use listserves.

There was another reminder to members to remember our SEP bookstore when people are looking for course books this next year.

Clearly, there was concern about how to strategize on how to get more people to attend the general membership meeting. It is listed in the program every year. Maybe attendees do not understand that this is a general membership meeting and they should attend. Maybe a door prize drawing would increase attendance. Courtney Flint will make sure the membership announcement is in the Madison program in 2012. There will be business meetings in both of the regional locations next year – Sabah will be an official IASNR meeting.

Looking to technology, there was a suggestion to have a virtual link of the two meetings if they coincide. There was a discussion about the Association's capacity to respond to many ideas and requests. Rick Krannich reminded attendees that the organizations leadership serve as volunteers and they have limited capacity. We need more volunteers. Doug and Tamala Smith volunteered to look into a way to expand volunteer capacity and possibly link the meetings.

Then, discussion turned to the 2013 meeting. Rodrigo Medeiros, from Rio de Janeiro State University, had indicated an interest in hosting the meeting. He had hosted an international meeting for 500 in 2004. He requested information on the process for submitting an official bid. Hunt University in Africa is also considering putting a bid. The big challenge for location bidders is developing a budget for 400 and having the capacity to support the meeting and obtaining university sponsorship. Travel access and flexible space for sessions and students are critical. Rick Krannich noted there is a one page form addressing key considerations for hosting a meeting, and there are several examples of recently accepted proposals. After the Park City meeting there was a meeting organizer's manual assembled.

Council will have a conference call this year and will talk about decoupling from a commitment to have an international meeting every other year. Certainly we can have an international location every few years.

There is a committee for site selection.

Courtney Flint reflected on the frequency and mode of member communication. Maybe we need to have Facebook capacity for reaching people. Is this a role for students? Carina van Riper had a Facebook page, but it is now down. This is a reality – people communicate this way. Maybe this is a job for the student affairs committee. There was a suggestion to form an ad hoc committee to explore this idea. It was understood that the Malaysian hosts will be putting up a Facebook for the 2011 meeting.

The meeting closed with no further discussion.