

IASNR Annual Meeting

Estes Park, CO

June 4, 2013

AGENDA

1:30-5:00pm

In attendance: Matt Carroll, Jerry Vaske, Jill Belsky, Erin Seekamp, Tom fish, Jim Absher, Al Luloff, Jim Finley, Amanda Bentley Brymer (student rep), Naomi Krogman, Courtney Flint, Gene Theodori, Neelam C. Poudyal

Absent: Chris Raymond, Becky Schewe, Kathy Halvorsen

Motion passed to let quorum of present members vote.
Introductions.

Review and approve minutes from last meeting. Minutes approved. Jerry motion, al second.

Executive Dir. Report:

Social ecology press, now with IASNR. Reprinted one book, social impact assessment series. Sells well. All else is reprint of classics. Need to promote more. Problem is shipping. Council needs to encourage adoption, especially on campus. If council decides to not do this, we need to make that decision. Important to train students with an anchor in the discipline.

Suggested page writeup in SNR to promote (Jill). Matt taught undergrad seminar with these books and was successful. Include two paragraphs of Matt's success for SNR. Have each student chapter write a review of each book for SNR. Post in online journal (Amanda).

Book reviews published in Rural Soc already.

Keep the books and promote their use. Perhaps consider new additions to the collection, more contemporary. What do these books mean in era of greater collaboration across ecological and social. Have discussed commissioning new books in past, just never moved on that. New books could be e-books from start. Look more broadly beyond just sociology.

If we don't keep them, what is the alternative? Not donate them. Have a lot of books, drop price and get people to purchase remaining copies. These books go out of print unless someone purchases the printing rights. Would sell printing rights.

Inquires to publish as e-books.

Recovered all but about initial 20% of investment. Orders : 20-30 orders a semester. Costs too much to ship to Australia. Could make electronic copy and charge for that. In total about 2,000 books remain. About 10 titles total.

Social Ecology Press needs to advertise for new manuscript submissions, if we want to keep it. Could advertise in SNR. Expand to other social sciences.

Currently a book sale, but must be done via mail/check.

Do we move all the books to Gene? Who is truly responsible for managing the books? Right now it is Jim Finley. But not formal duty of treasurer. Council could appoint someone to take on SEP as a distinct job. If we want SEP to be anything, we need to market this. Perhaps make a committee for the future to manage this issue. Use social media. SEP is on the website.

Did not get a newsletter, no student stepped up to lead this effort which was the plan. Posting notes to the website. Paulus Mau helps with our website.

Website is hard to find old minutes etc.. Need to track down old files and post to website. Including previous newsletters.

Executive Officers and Council Elections. Tom Fish, Jim Absher

Low/poor turnout for elections. Reflection of how organization was run in past. Concern was initially for context, organization has continuity. Four year terms that stagger.

This year the process got messed up. Discussed changing way we identify and elect those who can run. Executive officers must come from existing/previous Council. May not be necessary now. Council has been an open process to anyone. But some have not truly served, never attended any meetings. Need people to be active contributors. All volunteer. Executive director could lean on. People more to get things done. But individuals must do more on their own.

Challenge is to get folks to do what they promise.
Confine cue drives organization membership.

Use of periodic conference call mid year meetings to meet and discuss the activities, hold people accountable. Be accountable of tasks even if you are not there. Committee reports at each meeting. Secretary to keep track of those committees, tasks, and deadlines. Meet/discuss at quarterly points in time.

As a student, goals of organization are not fully clear. Have a discussion to revisit these needs, the goals, and related actions.

Survey of membership to discuss and assess the context of who we are and what we do. Discuss it in advance with membership. Visionary and forward looking. Assessment needs to happen with students as well. Needs might be different for different member groups. Student forum is very successful.

Communications committee: needs to communicate beyond just the conference. More balanced and consistent communication. Social media comes in bite sized chunks. Keeps things more timely.

Do we have any assessments from previous members, conference attendees? Only informally. Could do a post conference poll. Survey in 2005 and 2007. Full assessment needs to be thought through and planned well. Could be a committee task. Did take some actions from 2005 and 2007 survey data. New member meetings, mentor program, etc....

Core issue: who should run for office, expectations, how they get there, etc... Needs to be value added to keep people involved. We need to avoid term advocacy, we are 501c3. Can't use that term advocacy or we loose financial footing. What might be that external voice to help provide members with some benefits.

Ecological Society of America: whole session on integration, transdisciplinary. But yet internal conflict about identity and our discipline. Perhaps conversations with other organizations about these issues, increases our networks. New era about how our science is applied. What excites people.

This Council charges Matt to change bylaws and constitution to address who runs for executive officers and council. Reconsider who can run and qualifications etc... Framework needs to be updated. Membership is mature enough. Anyone from organization may run for Executive Officer.

Formal motion:

Quorum of the general membership in attendance at the annual membership meeting will vote on the following amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws.

Candidacy for IASNR council may be open to any paid in full for a minimum of one year professional member of IASNR.

Candidacy for IASNR Executive Officer may be open to any paid in full for a minimum of five years professional member of of IASNR.

MOTION PASSES unanimously

Point of order: constitutional change, must be put to membership for vote.

Ex-officious members always treated as voting members. Status would be eligible for elections. Do we want to put any time limit on length of membership? Bylaws indicate we will have a student representative. Avoid having someone who just wants to build a resume.

Motion amended to add one year membership, professional membership.

Executive Officer, amend to have more membership time requirement.

Would not want someone to be executive director with only one year membership. Recommend five years membership for executive position.

oral report on 2014 IASNR: Hannover, Germany
Eich von Ruschkowski. Meeting dates June 8-13.

Ecosystem services at rural urban interface (theme)

Budgeted based on 2009 ISSRM in Vienna, attendance of 400.

Partners supporting efforts in Europe, Middle East, Africa, other networks.

Current stage of planning, local organizing committee of 15. Scientific advisory committee, planning and logistics. Timeline similar to ISSRM 2013.

Treasurers Report: Jim Finely

See separate report.

Annuity: plan to take money out in 10 years for student scholarships.

\$5000 to cover student scholarships in 2013. Propose a rollover account for student scholarships of \$5000 for every year going forward. Host institution pays that back and carry that forward.

Profit from 2012 went back into student scholarships. How to distribute the \$5000 needs to be assessed, is \$100 per student enough, especially for international travel?

Al suggested allocation of \$15000 this year for scholarships this year. Maybe for students and junior faculty to support travel to Hanover 2014. Good faith to show we do more than just take in money.

Do we want to issue scholarships at first come first served? Perhaps call for proposals? Submit an abstract with advisor signature. Submit student paper get another bump in award.

Motion: Allocate \$15,000 for scholarships for early professionals (5 years or less) and students to attend the 2014 ISSRM meetings in Hanover, Germany.

Motion by Al, seconded by Jim Absher.

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Process for allocation of these funds (who gets them, how is that decided) needs to be addressed by a committee.

Each institution handles annual meeting accounting differently. Causes problems in reconciling the books each year. Ideally would like a uniform/consistent accounting system. If there is a loss, who is responsible? In Malaysia, they were responsible for any losses. Signed a hold harmless clause. Depends on institution. We can't afford to cover losses from meetings. IASNR always assumes risk of loss unless the host institution signs a hold harmless agreement. Very few institutions will do that. Budgets and accounting for all previous meetings are archived. Helpful for future planning efforts.

Needs plans for 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 meetings.

Secretary Report:

Meeting minutes from last year, need steering committee for site selection for future years. Still need volunteers for 2015-2017 site selection committee. New Executive Council needs to hold more meetings, hold committees accountable for tasks.

Membership of govt employees has been dropping steadily: currently 7%.

Sequestration is having an influence. Would be good to reverse those downwards numbers, not sure how. Need to reach out to more non academics. Perhaps offer workshops, govt employees can justify workshop attendance rather than just a conference. Has to be a "training" to get credit for professional development activity. Membership fluctuates with conference. How do we get this in front of the government audience? Are there agencies that we really need to advertise this to? State versus federal. Training needs to address the needs of the agency employees. Jointly host with an organization that is already bringing in state or federal agency participants.

Discussions with wildlife society: scoping of what brings value to their members. Increased membership. Talk to Winnie Kessler about how she did that.

What brings people in to a conference: need better understanding of this. People who were Feds are now heading key conservation organizations. Maybe talk to them for their ideas and suggestions. How can we be critical to their work. Growth industry in NR professionals is the NGOs. How do we get them involved? Need to go after the NGOs. Perhaps need an assessment beyond the boundaries of our membership. Target interest groups and scope their interests. Scoping process to reach out to potential members, previous members. Collaboration with other groups makes meetings more affordable and integrated. Worth continuing to think about joining conferences and efforts.

Tom Fish is willing to host 2015.

SNR Journal Report: Jill Belsky

Editorial Report distributed at meeting.

2011: 386 manuscripts; 2012 increased a lot, 482.

See separate report.

Impact factor: being more proactive. More special issues. Revising debate on resiliency topic.

Rejoinder articles and more articles on specific topics.

Practitioner Forum new for SNR. Outreach for special place for practitioners and applied work.

Harder for two people to handle all the manuscripts. Have Associate Editors become subject editors, devolve responsibility to more people. All manuscript central reprogrammed to allow Associate Editors to be subject editors in Manuscript Central. Make changes to be more streamlined and more efficient.

Is the funding enough for going forward? Issues with transition process, two new editors all at once is problematic. Associate Editors may be potential pool for future editors. Call for new editors will need to go out very soon. One may be willing to stay on for one extra year. Focus on Subject Editors as possible pool for at least one new editor. I-first came on with Jill and Dan as well. Training for new editors needs to be more informative and more thorough.

IASNR could invest more in their editors, both financially and in terms of training. Invest in the people who invest in the journal. Need a plan for this transition.

Charge this council to create search committee to find new editors. Editor Search Committee:
Courtney, Joan, Nelan

ISSRM 2012 Report: Liz Halpenny
See separate detailed report.

ISSRM 2013
563 in attendance
1,005 discrete presenters
9 concurrent sessions
32 countries
122 international
42 govt
Socials will be good.

Site Selection Committee: Naomi, Erin, Amanda

Student Awards:
6 reviewers, 16 papers (2 masters) total.
Recommendations: incentivize submissions, think about timing of process. Hard to get reviewers.

Membership and student mentoring: Kathy Halvorsen (not present)
Step up to mentor any student who asks, don't really have that now.

Student Representative: Amanda
Student rep role to communicate with students at large, serve as co-chair of student affairs committee. Not tied to student chapters at institutions. entities for students but they are disconnected. Back on track. Co chair for next two years for student affairs committee.
Colleague infested in being co chair. Tasked to plan student forum and quiz bowl. Transitioned to be responsibility of host institution. Need to reconsider what is the role of student affairs committee? Creative ways to stay engaged. Perhaps bring back mentor program? What do students want, needs to be assessed. Want to work with council and be the voice of students.
Naomi Krogman volunteered to be liaison to student affairs committee.

Real opportunity for student organization to fall into trap of IASNR. Need to vote for/identify their leaders. Suggest student chapters become more involved and serve as reps. Grow the student affairs committee.

Member Communications: see previous discussion.

New Business: association supported book published by springer press. All 2013 attendees will get a copy. Open access. "Understanding society and natural resources: forging new strands of integration across the social sciences"

Lifetime membership:

Not a good idea financially.

Discuss a retired rate? Have emeritus status to Don Field and Rabel Burdge.

Have an Emeritus category.

Motion: Create an Emeritus membership category at a rate of \$65 does not include the hard copy journal.

Motion Courtney, second Gene

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Tom Fish created table of past and present council members.

2015 meeting in Charleston, SC. Led by Tom Fish.

First half of June potentially. Multiple institutions to help sponsor event.

Climate change, vulnerability, urbanization, culture