

SEERS Business Meeting
4 November 2013
CERF Conference, San Diego, CA

- 1) Call to order
 - a. Introductions around the room
- 2) Reading of last meetings minutes (Charleston, SC April 2013)
- 3) Treasurer Report (Joan)
 - a. Financial report from Charleston
 - i. Net gain in student fund of (\$747) from meeting in Charleston
 - b. Call for questions
 - i. Mike Mallin: What kind of interest in the capital one checking account?
 - c. Motion to approve, approved.
- 4) Committee Reports
 - a. Website update (Joan)
 - i. Call for questions on how to improve website
 1. Could SEERS put member contact information on website?
 - a. No due to membership privacy in by laws.
 2. Could we be able to purchase merchandise on the website?
 - a. Adding student representative contact information to directly order from him/her
 - b. Possibly preordering t-shirts with registration
 - b. Historical archive update (Geno)
- 5) Special Reports
 - a. Ken Heck gives announcements from CERF
 - i. Encouraging members of affiliate societies to become members of CERF especially in off conference years, mentioning possibility of dual membership
 - ii. Comments
 1. Bob Virnstein - getting other journals available to SEERS members
 2. Comment about how helpful CERF job board is
 3. Geno Olmi comment about the benefits of joining CERF as being part of a national community
- 6) Unfinished Business
 - a. Bob Virnstein discussing student travel grants and ideas for judging financial need
 - i. Submitting a budget
 - ii. Suggestions
 1. Carla Curran comments about double dipping and necessary for budget and advisor signature
 2. Comment from 2 students
 - a. Signitures
 - b. Travel distance determining need
 - c.

- 7) New business N/A
- 8) Upcoming Spring meeting, Feb. 13th 2014, Savannah, GA
 - a. Loren Matthews – spring meeting coordinator
 - i. Meeting Venue: Coastal GA Center
 - ii. Hotel: Embassy Suites, close to venue and new
 - iii. Banquet: Southbound Brewery (Friday night)
 - iv. Input and Discussion:
 1. Bob Virnstein mentions Carla Curran as program chair and to send recommendations to her
 - v. Call for questions
 1. What if new hotel construction is not complete by then, alternate plan?
 - a. Hampton Inn
 2. Who do students contact
 - a. Mary Grace
 - b. Comment of having an extra event such as a pub crawl or ghost tour
 3. When are abstracts due
 - a. Jan. 21st
 4. How many people can stay in a hotel room
 - a. 4
 5. When is hotel deadline and can we extend it?
 - a. Currently Dec. 30th and possibly we can try
 - b. Try and move it into January by at least 2 weeks
 6. Hotel block requirement?
 - a. No
 - vi. Geno Olmi thanks Loren
 - b. Bob mentions next fall meeting
 - i. Target state?
 - ii. Joint meeting with AERS in North Carolina?
 - c. Mike Mallin comments about upcoming tidal creeks conference in Wilmington, NC in Dec. 2013
 - d. Bob mentions having special sessions at upcoming meeting and CERF funding for such events; Carla Curran comments that special sessions need to be set soon
- 9) Presentation of student travel awards
 - a. Nathan Gavin, UNC-W
 - b. Weiyun “Sam” Yuan, Univ. Central Florida
 - c. Michelle Reed, College of Charleston
 - d. Megan Riley,, Univ. South Carolina
- 10) Motion to adjourn. Ajournd!