

IASNR Business Meeting
Burlington, Vermont
June 12, 2008

1) Rick Krannich started the meeting at 12:08 – no quorum – an open member session not limited to just a few members

He began with thanks to the conference organizing committee – only Pat Stokowski was present so he thanked her. Noted there were about 650 participants/registrants at the symposium.

He reminded everyone of council meeting in S Bldg 433

The role of this meeting is to update membership on what IASNR has been doing over the past year

Discussion of council election – six seats open: Lloyd, Chavez, Mohl, Brehm, Carroll, Vaske

Election competitive – only downside is roughly 25% voted

Terms ending – Chavez (4 year term); Vaske (2 + 4 yr. term); Mohl (2 + 4 Yr. Term); Lloyd (student rep. – 2 year term)

Elected to council – Brehm and Carroll – each for a second 4 year term; initial four-year terms for Absher (USFS); Halvorsen (MI Tech); Nijnik (The Macaulay Institute, Scotland); two year term for Malin (USU doctoral candidate)

Discussion of future ISSRM Conferences – 2009, Vienna, Austria, July 5-8; Ulrike Probstl, Chair, BOKU University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences

Need to open website early to book flights

Conference will be combined with three day excursions to receive cheaper flight costs

2) Al Luloff, Wolfgang Haider, Linda Kruger – Site Selection Committee

ISSRM 2010 – meeting to be held in Corpus Christi, Texas, June 6-10, 2010 at the Omni Hotel

ISSRM 2011 – meeting in Sabah, Malaysia in June 2011

Rick pointed out these choices are intentional, conscious choices/selections to look at international venues especially where we have not been previously

Committee has been discussing Latin America

Call for hosting 2012 sessions in North America – decided by next year

3) Appreciation to SNR editorial team; Rick thanked Matt Carroll, Steve Hollenhorst, and Patricia Cohn for their excellent work. They transitioned the journal to an online system, moved papers coming in for review to double what we had six years ago.

Introduced Troy Hall and Tom Beckley as new editors, and thanked editorial search committee members Vaske, Brehm, Carroll for successful effort to identify new SNR editors.

Matt Carroll – began with thanking Patricia Cohn for service as SNR Assistant Editor

Over last 18 months “webcentral” introduced; only a few manuscripts submitted through old paper/email system; 277 submissions this year compared to 182 previous year and rough 5-year average of 158

Slight increase in acceptance rate with webcentral – to 38.9% - maybe tied to “reject and resubmit” and maybe tied to effort to increase international submissions

Challenges – want more submissions – need coeditors – 10 requests for special issues this year – decided that editorial team picks the special topic

Local dimensions of global climate change a possible next special issue

Need associate editors with skills and talent to address international papers – substantive and geographic

Troy Hall – Excited, a bit intimidated but ready to take this work on and use Associate Editors to help move the review process. Concern about having a backlog of accepted papers that will last for more than one year

Tom Beckley – thanked the committee for selecting them – they got good advice from Carla and indicated Sally Atwater would be their Assistant Editor. Paid kudos to Matt and Steve – they will be transitioning over the next several weeks, but mast head will not change until January. Noted that Taylor & Francis shoots for 20% acceptance rate

4) Al Luloff gave 2008 Treasurer’s Report (attached)

Rick – commented on the need to think about money is being used and how it will be used in the future

5) Student Paper Committee – Gene Theodori (Angela Mertig, Sharon Todd, Sue Moore). Gene has been chairing this committee for five years now and will do it one more time (Vienna). This year’s numbers of submissions down – seven PhDs and 2 MS – Michael Daugherty (UWM) winner and Tinelle Bustam (UFL) honorable mention

6) Rick thanked Carena van Riper for serving as coordinator of the student forum and the student quiz bowl activities (grad – UVM) and upwards of 50 volunteers

7) Kathy Halvorsen – reported on the creation and participation in the ISSRM mentor program

Membership directory

New member meeting before banquet

8) Rick announced HD.GOV is looking for beta sites

9) Open Forum discussion items:

Tom Beckley– Life long memberships may be worth considering

Al Luloff – IASNR Fellows – possible way to recognize long-term contributors

Carena van Riper – suggested a Mentor program participants luncheon