



SORA Board Meeting Agenda

March 3, 2020

2:30 PM Eastern Standard Time

MEETING MINUTES

Board Roll Call:

Region 1/Treasurer: Amanda Clark (CT), Region 2: Stephen Marshall (NY),
Region 3: Travis Sterner (MD), Region 4: Chris Edwards (KY), Region 5: Mike Mettler (IN),
Region 6/Secretary, Past President: Matt Pace (OK), Region 7: Rachel Marlett (KS)
Region 8: Chuck Cousino (CO), Region 9: *Vacant*, Region 10/President: Jeremy Simmons (WA), At Large: Marcia Degen (VA), Tribal: Michael Bolt (NC Cherokee), Canadian Provinces: Derek Smith (Manitoba)

Invited Guests: Dick Bachelder (COI Rep.), Sheryl Ervin (COI Rep. back-up), Ed Corriveau (Retirees), Ann D'Alfonso (KS)

Green = Present; Red = Absent

1. Review/edit meeting agenda
2. Approval of ~~January~~ February meeting minutes;
February minutes not available for approval. Will be sent to board for comments.
3. Executive Committee Reports
 - a. President's report: (Jeremy)
 - i. Communications
 1. Discuss recent communications

Jeremy discussed the recent issue with GeoMatrix and indicated he would be in contact with David Potts.
 2. Identify any needed or anticipated communications
 - ii. Liaison to COIs

Board designated Mike Mettler to serve as liaison to the COIs.
 - b. Treasurer's Report (Amanda);



Renewals due by April 1; reminders will be sent on March 15

Chuck C. received invoice from NOWRA for the SORA expenses of the annual conference in October 2019; Amanda C. issued payment.

c. Secretary's Report (Matt);

A few individuals had subscribed; nothing else to report

4. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Membership (Chris);

Chris E. not available for report;

Amanda C. made a motion for Denise Wright (IN) to receive a membership waiver and remain on membership committee; Second by Chuck C.; voice vote and motion passed (Mike M. abstained).

b. Conference Planning (Chuck);

Chuck C. reported that he has been communicating with NOWRA about the next conference; more information to come; still planning to have annual business meeting on Sunday afternoon.

c. Strategic Planning (Travis)

Travis S. reported that he has been reading through the current strategic plan; requested a list of members. **Matt P. attached to these minutes the agenda from previous annual business meeting that includes the SORA committees and members.**

5. COI Report (Dick);

Dick B. thanked Mike M. for his help in serving as liaison; Dick also volunteered to assist in communicating with the COIs about invoices;

6. Ad hoc Committee Reports:

a. Website (Ann)

Ann D. reported several changes to the website: 1) an excel spreadsheet of the questions and answers from postings on the listserv are saved in the resources section; 2) updated the COI of the month with BioMicrobics; 3) made updates to the SORA Board members; 4) updated the President's message and picture; 5) directed everyone to where the meeting notes are located; 6) assisted Matt P. with the notification issue; 7) added the dues waiver application form.



b. Retirees (Ed);

No update

c. Policy (Chuck);

No update

7. New Business:

a. Lobbying discussion

i. Options

1. Develop Policy Statements

2. Direct subcommittee to research options

Chuck C. will work on developing statements that could be available and used by SORA

8. Old Business:

a. EPA Partners Call; The board needs to decide who will attend and sign as the SORA rep. (typically this is a member from a state closest to D.C.)

Either Marcia D. or Travis S. will attend on behalf of SORA

9. Action Item Review:

10. Adjourn

Chuck C. made a motion to adjourn; Amanda C. seconded.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Future Meeting Dates for 2020 (First Tuesday of each month): April 7, 2020. May 5, 2020. June 2, 2020. July 7, 2020. August 4, 2020. September 1, 2020. October 6, 2020. November 3, 2020. December 1, 2020. All meetings will start at 2:30 P.M. EST.