

SDRME Fall Business Meeting November 2, 2008

The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the July, 2008 Summer Meeting at the Grove park Inn in Asheville, NC were approved.

2009 Summer Meeting: June 14-17, Santa Fe NM La Fonda Hotel on the Plaza

President's Report

Elaine Dannefer reported that SDRME now has 59 members; fifty-five are active/paid members.

Dr Dannefer also reported that the Executive Committee had been working on updating the SDRME Procedures Manual. Among the changes made have been: 1) that the Membership Liason position and its duties had been merged with the Membership Committee; 2) that all committee members and chairs would now have three year term-limits; and 3) every committee chair would meet with the Executive Committee once per year and provide a written report.

Treasurer's Report

As of November 1, 2008, SDRME had a total equity of \$39,121.82. The Checking Account balance was \$20,562.75. The Savings account balance was \$18,559.07.

Committee Reports

Invited Reviews Committee: (Judy Shea): Seven proposals were received and reviewed by the Invited Reviews Committee this year. The winner of the review was Jon Veloski who will receive \$4,000 for his research. Two other proposals were found to have merit and will receive partial funding (one- half the amount given to the winning proposal/\$2,000 each).

Membership Committee Report (John Shatzer): While the committee is reviewing several people for membership no new members have been added to our roster since the summer meeting. Dr Shatzer invited new members to serve on his committee; he is particularly looking for someone in the East region of the US.

Communications Committee Report (Jamie Shumway): The committee needs two new members to replace current members whose terms will be expiring this year. The new list-serve implemented this past year is working well; the only possible caveat is that Dr Shumway is currently the only person who is approved to make changes to it; he suggests a back-up might be needed. Dr Shumway also made a plea for changes to the website; he reports that the technology of the website is not state-of-the-art..

The International Committee Report (Ann Frye): SDRME suspended dues from international members this past year. The committee has been working on a process to contact members to verify the accuracy of their contact information, the status of their eligibility, and their interest in continued membership. We currently have 11 verified international members; eleven others have not responded to multiple attempts to contact them. The committee needs at least one new member to replace a current member whose term will expire this year.

Annual Survey Committee (Larry Gruppen): Results from this year's survey of membership is now on the SDRME website. Dr Gruppen reported that he will be sending out another request for information in January in an attempt to make the survey an annual event.

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