

SDRME Executive Committee (Conference Call) 8-27-08

Participants: Judy Shea, Maurice Hitchcock, Elaine Dannefer, Linda Goldenhar, and Nicole Borges

Fall Meeting Plans:

Elaine Dannefer, president, opened the call announcing that the fall meeting at AAMC would be held at 5:30 p.m. on November 2, 2008 in San Antonio. The SDRME reception is to follow at 7:00 p.m. We decided as a group to hold a meeting of the Executive Committee the same day at 4:00 p.m. Elaine agreed to send out an email to SDRME members asking for RSVP for the reception to allow for more accurate ordering of food and drink.

Committee term limits and Membership Database:

There was general discussion of several issues regarding SDRME committees: 1) should committee membership be limited to specific terms?; 2) should Sandy Cook continue in the role of 'membership liaison' or should this role be integrated into the function of the membership committee?; 3) who should have password access to the membership database?; 4) should the dues collection role continue to be separate from that of the treasurer's role? Following a lengthy discussion, President Elaine Dannefer agreed to develop a proposal for re-structuring the membership committee and setting term limits; the proposal will be sent to the rest of the executive committee for further discussion at a future meeting.

SDRME Summer Meeting: Following discussion it was decided that the summer meeting of SDRME would be held in Santa Fe, NM in the middle of June (14 thru 17), 2009. Linda Goldenhar, program chair, will further investigate hotels in the city for a specific location. Two hotels were discussed as possible sites: 1) the Inn at the Alameda (site of the 2003 SDRME summer meeting) & the Eldorado Hotel & Spa.

Executive Committee Winter Meeting:

We decided to meet in Cleveland, Ohio on February 24, 2009 for the annual winter meeting of the Executive Committee.

Refund for Marcel D'eon:

Marcel D'eon was not able to attend the summer meeting of SDRME in Asheville, NC in July. He asked for a refund of his registration fee. The Executive Committee approved his request and instructed Nicole Borges, treasurer, to contact Dr. D'eon to work out a suitable application of his registration fee (e.g., SDRME membership fee).

New International Member:

The Executive Committee approved the application of Dr. Melchor Sanchez-Mendiola of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (Mexico City) as an international member of SDRME.

Submitted by Maurice Hitchcock 8-27-08