

SDRME Business Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2007
Park City, Utah

The SDRME Business Meeting opened with introductions of the Steering Committee and updates from the members. Announcements: The SDRME fall meeting and reception at the AAMC is on Sunday, November 4, 2007 from 6 to 8 pm at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. A venue for the SDRME summer meeting is needed—please send your suggestions to Linda Perkowski.

Treasurer's Report (Linda Goldenhar): As June 13, 2007, SDRME had a total equity of \$23,179.39. \$12,866.80 is in a checking account. \$10,312.59 is in a savings account with a 2.52% interest rate that generated \$230.06. The equity is generated primarily through membership fees (\$13,562.64). The summer meeting expenses and registrations are not part of the report. The reserve has been kept high because of recent events where the registrations did not cover the expenses.

Elections: The nominations were not ready for the meeting due to the need to resolve issues of membership and the unavailability of the chair. An announcement will be forthcoming regarding the nominations. Members get elected to a 3 year term on the executive committee and the executive committee makes the decision regarding the position that will be filled and two positions currently need filling. The member at large position can be involved in a range of activities such as helping with the annual meeting, working on the annual survey, etc.

Membership Committee Report (John Shatzer): Nine applications are under consideration. The following new members were welcomed: Allison Ownby, Hugh Stoddard, Boyd Richards, Carol Hodgson, and Annie Daniel. David Steele is going to El Paso as Associate Dean for Education for the new medical school.

Communications Committee (Jamie Shumway): The executive committee is looking into current listserv.sdrme.org connected to the website and active membership with a plan to have committee specific listservs using the same mechanism. WebCrossing will be replaced because it is not user friendly. The question is at what point do we leave WebCrossing to something else. It is still useful to committees and used to post job announcements. There are also a number of threaded and non-threaded communications that need to be archived and kept. A members only section of the SDRME web page is possible and problems with setting it up are being addressed. The annual committee reports could be archived by the chairs and submitted regularly to the executive committee.

International Committee (Diane Heestand): The status in dues and membership has been reviewed and organizations contacted. Two members, one from the University of Berne and Sandy Cook from Duke University in Singapore, have been accepted and a third from Queensland, Australia is a possibility.

Proposed Finance Committee: The executive committee will be submitting a proposal for a new finance committee to the membership for consideration. The impetus comes from the recognition that continuity over time will increase efficiency and oversight.

Invited Reviews: For the past year, SDRME invited reviews have been discontinued to 1) replenish the budget, 2) reconsider their value, and 3) wait until reviews still outstanding have been submitted. At previous meetings, we have discussed the possibility of supporting multi-

site educational research by SDRME members. Jamie Shumway moved that we reinstitute the reviews noting that Kevin Ewa's article on self-assessment has been quite influential. In the past, invited reviewers have been given \$1,000 at the start and \$1,000 when the review is completed. There was general consensus that this might be too little. There was a suggestion that we pool money with other organizations to make a \$10,000 grant. It was agreed that 1) recent recipients should be contacted to see what is needed and also contact those who applied, but weren't chosen to see what has happened with their project, 2) determine how many SDRME invited reviews have been finished and published, and 3) find out how compensation is provided by other organizations. It was noted that RIME does not fund invited reviews. It was suggested that we need to leverage different groups' interests and needs to result in a useful outcome. A motion to reactivate the invited reviews was seconded and approved. A committee will be formed to begin setting up the structure to support the process.

Note: During a discussion of the SDRME Member Survey later in the Summer Meeting, it was moved, seconded, and approved to allow the aggregate data from Directors' salaries to be included in the summary that is available on the Website.