

# Fall 1998

November 3, 1998

Judy Fredenberg, interim chair, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. and asked Karen McCrostie to take minutes. The meeting was well attended. It was noted that at this meeting 56 Region VII members were in attendance including 19 new members. For the year there were 28 new members and a total membership of 145. The items of business on the agenda were discussed as follows.

I. Minutes of the April 21, 1998 business meeting: A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the minutes as written. The financial report was reviewed and approved.

II. Introduction of new officers: Judy explained that the previous chair, Terry May had left our region and she was appointed interim chair while continuing to serve as the secretary/treasurer. Brian Farmer was elected as the new chair and Kathleen Engstrom was elected as member-at-large.

III. Committee reports on national activity:

A. Professional Development: No report.

B. Membership: Region VII used the buddy system again this year. Information packets were sent to new members before the meeting and the new member reception was successful. Region VII had a drawing for a free registration to the upcoming Region VI and VII regional meeting. Tim Edwards from the University of Montana was the winner. Janie Morales-Castro presented Tim a certificate. The NCURA minority travel award was renamed the Catherine Core Minority Travel Award. The award is now eligible to any institution and the amount has been raised to \$1,000.

C. Program: It is critical that everyone fill out the evaluation forms. The feedback is important.

D. Nominating: Henry Hooper represented Region VII and the June meeting. Nominations were printed in the NCURA newsletter and positions will change after this meeting.

E. Publications: Bob Killoren is the new editor of the Research Management Journal. NCURA is seeking a new editor for the NCURA newsletter. Several micrographs are planned.

F. ERA: Jean Humphries represents Region VII on the ERA Committee. Kim Moreland is the chair. The president appoints members. The ERA committee was scheduled to meet in the afternoon on November 3, 1998.

IV. Spring 1999 Regional meeting (Coeur d'Alene, Idaho) update: The regional meeting is scheduled for April 18-20, 1999. Brian Farmer stated that there would be three information tracks at the meeting: pre-award, post-award, and departmental. Volunteers will be needed. The rates will

be about \$99/night. The nearest airport is in Spokane, Washington and ground travel from the airport to the hotel is offered at a cost of about \$25.

V. Other items:

A special thanks was given to Terry May for his outstanding service as regional chair over the last two years. The membership wished him well in his new position.

NCURA standing committee meetings will be held in June. A site has not yet been selected. Approximately 40 people will attend. If you have ideas for a location please send them to Brian Farmer.

Two task forces will be formed to look at strategic system planning and strategic financial planning.

Introductions were made and thanks were given to all members for their various contributions

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.