

Spring 1998

April 21, 1998

The meeting started at 8:25 a.m. All states were represented except for Wyoming. A motion was made, approved, and seconded. The minutes from the November meeting were passed as written. Update on national formation: In Regions I & II and VI & VII, the chairs are the executive committee representatives. Regions III, IV, and V have representatives that are different from their respective chairs. Region VI's chair is in office till the end of this meeting. Terry would like the next chair of Region VII to consider looking at shifting the election period for Region VII as well. Terry has really worked to improve and concentrated on getting communication out to Region VII representation. A suggestion was made that each region buy a data projector and leave it at the national office so it would be available for use at meetings.

Travel awards

Can explore this via electronic means, as well as other award/recognitions. There are four standing committees: nominating, professional development, membership, and publications. Chair of Region VII's Nominating Committee is Twila Reighly; Professional Development is Ann Powell; Membership is Janie Morales-Castro, and Carol Quintana is Chair of Publications and Misseye Bonds is our representative. Carol mentioned that the Publications committee is interested in micrographs that the committee is working on and looking at incentives or recognition (i.e., a plaque) to encourage people to write for publications. Publications will be looking for a new editor, so keep folks in mind who might be interested in serving in that capacity. Membership: Janie Morales-Castro reiterated that it is very important to make all people feel comfortable in a large setting. Program: Not a standing committee some changes in the national program (i.e., a business lunch instead of a business breakfast. Judy Fredenberg is the Region VII representative. Nominating: While Twila is the representative, Henry Hooper will be representing Region VII at the May/June meeting because of Twila's other commitments. ERA: a select committee: Jean Humphries at ASU-East and Judy Fredenberg are Region VII representatives. One issue has been to develop relationships with technical support personnel and research administrators. Opportunities to serve on Professional Development and Nominating will become available. Terry took this opportunity to encourage members to get involved.

Regional Meeting 1999

The 1999 Regional Meeting will be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on April 17-20. Brian Farmer assured the membership that Idaho does have hot and cold running water, as well as electricity. The hotel prices appear to be approximately \$90 plus tax for single or double rooms.

The nearest airport is in Spokane, Washington. Folks may want to rent a car, although the hotel does have a shuttle that runs from the airport to the Coeur d'Alene Resort. Region VII will handle

logistics and Region VI will be responsible for the program. Regarding hospitality suites, the NCURA executive office is questioning the liability of serving alcohol. Region VII was determined that we need to have the hotel serve the liquor. Additionally, the regional membership may need to consider having a hospitality suite without alcohol.

Elections

Region VII will be electing a new Chair, as well as a Member-At-Large. Discussions at national meeting to save money:

- 1) not have as many meals in committee
- 2) not meet in DC
- 3) meet at a different time of year

The membership recognized Carol Quintana for her exemplary service to Region VII with a plaque. Chair Terry May adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Respectively submitted, Judy Fredenberg

Secretary/Treasurer