

## DRSG MEETING NOTES FROM JANUARY 4, 2005

**Attendees:** President Ralph Kodell chaired the teleconference meeting. Present were Peg Coleman, Gary Foureman, Sara Henry, Ralph Kodell, Jason Lambert, John Lipscomb, Peter McClure, Paul Schlosser, Justin Teegarden, Kim Travis and Mike Zager.

### **Items of Discussion**

#### **1). Date and time of regular business meetings, SRA-DRSG website**

After a discussion about the date and time of the regular meeting, it was decided that the meeting is to be the first Tuesday of each month, Noon to 1 pm Eastern.

The SRA/DRSG website is out of date. P. Schlosser agreed to update the website. NOTE: As of Jan. 10, this has been completed.

#### **2). Future teleconference speakers and activities for SRA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting**

Possible future teleconference speakers were discussed. Dr. Betty Meek of Health Canada could speak about an update on the IPCS document on chemical-specific adjustment factors. Dale Hattis is another possible speaker on perchlorate interaction with iodine deficiency. Justin Teegarden is pursuing the matter of the next teleconference speaker which will be discussed further at the Feb. 1 meeting.

Also at the Feb. meeting the matter of what activities the Group would like to pursue for the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SRA at its December 2005 meeting in Orlando will be discussed. A joint symposium with other SRA specialty groups has been suggested by SRA President-elect Chris Frey.

#### **3). DRSG Dues and SRA Fellows**

Ralph Kodell and Sara Henry will contact Laurie Mullins at SRA headquarters to get more information about the DRSG budget. Also, Ralph will send email to DRSG's Yahoo group encouraging payment of DRSG dues when SRA annual dues are paid. It was noted and discussed that the DRSG needs to be more intentional about making sure subgroup dues are paid and that only paid members vote. Dues are needed for student awards, mixers, etc.

In addition, some members of DRSG could be SRA Fellows if the nomination process were followed through.

#### **4). Attendance of Student Awardee at Annual Meeting**

It was noted that the recent student award recipient was not able to attend the recent annual meeting due to the fact that she had a newborn child she did not want to leave. Conditions for receipt of the student award were discussed. The conclusion was that student awardees should be strongly urged to attend the annual meeting, but that this could not be a requirement since the DRSG does not have travel monies (and depends on other groups or employers to pay travel), and that the group could not possibly foresee all problems that could arise to prevent attendance.

Gary Foureman requested that he be reimbursed for the cost of the Student Award plaque in the amount of \$93.80. Ralph Kodell has since requested from SRA offices and Ms. Laurie Mullins that Gary Foureman be reimbursed from SRA/DRSG's account.

**5). By-laws Changes**

Gary Foureman will draft an amendment to DRSG's by-laws to change the titles of "President" and "President-elect" to "Chair" and "Chair-elect" in order to be consistent with the other SRA specialty groups.

**6). Preparation for March SOT meeting**

Ralph Kodell will get a PowerPoint file of DRSG's poster from Gary Foureman and will add to Gary's updates and send to John Lipscomb in time for the SOT meeting in March.

**7). Food Service at SRA for the DRSG mixer**

There was a brief discussion of food service at SRA for the DRSG mixer. Ralph mentioned that Gay Goodman has volunteered to help coordinate that for the Orlando meeting in 2005. Gary also offered to be involved, bringing lessons learned from the less-than-satisfactory experience at Palm Springs.