

DRSG TeleMeeting
Minutes: February 2, 2010

Participants: Jeff Gift, Paul Schlosser, Lynn Haber, Julie Fitzpatrick, Allen Davis, Jenny Li, Peg Coleman, Paul Feder, Patty Toccalino, Kenny Crump, and Steve Lewis.

Our next teleconference will be noon to 1 pm EST, on the first Tuesday of March.

CALL IN NUMBER: 513-569-7897

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Chair Jeff Gift called the meeting to order.

1. Minutes from January meeting were approved.
2. Status of Treasury – 4th quarter report presented from SRA is not correct and Julie will follow up with SRA. Initial balance \$6,413.23 less \$725.31 (AM Mixer) with an ending balance of \$5,687.92. Expenses for student awards and Microbial symposium along with income from the BMD workshop were not included.
3. DSRG Calendar was sent with the agenda. Newsletter deadlines were discussed along with the timeline for the student awards. The Annual Meeting Program Committee meeting has been set for June 18, 2010 – Paul Schlosser and Julie Fitzpatrick were proposed to represent DSRG. Steve Lewis will participate as an at-large delegate.
4. Lynn Haber announced the March TeleSeminar: Steve Olin will present on Threshold of Toxicological Concern projects underway at the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI).
5. Student Awards – details will be finalized at the April meeting.
6. SRA Symposium process: After our last meeting Jeff sent the following email to Rachael Davidson (SRA Present- Elect):

DRSG offers the following recommendations. The DSRG suggests that (1) the specialty group chairs (or a representative) meet by teleconference as soon as possible to draft criteria for sponsorship that would help ensure that high-quality, balanced, consistently written symposia proposals are submitted to the SRA program committee, and that (2) SRA require (or at least encourage) that all symposia proposals be submitted to a specialty group prior to the annual program committee meeting.

Response from Rachael:

. . . Your suggestion seems perfectly reasonable to me though. It sounds like we just want to reach a compromise between making too much paperwork and making it so unstructured that we have the type of problems you mention. . . If not, I will send an email to all the specialty group chairs asking (1) to have a teleconference to come up with the symposium criteria as

you suggest and (2) to nominate a member of each specialty group to be on the program committee. For the conference call (item #1), I think it would be most efficient if we could have a proposal to work from rather than trying to start from scratch on the phone call. Since you have given this some thought already, would you be willing to draft some proposed criteria? Then we can discuss whether we want to edit your list.

The group discussed development of proposed criteria to submit to Rachael. Pre-submitted symposiums to the Specialty Group for review prior to the Program Committee meeting are an important step to development of scientifically significant and balanced programs. Specialty group representatives to the Program Committee will be responsible for implementing the new criteria. Michael Dourson will draft the criteria and anyone with ideas for criteria should send them to him at Dourson@tera.org . Mike will send an email to DRSG members inviting suggestions.

7. Lynn Haber – presented a request to DRSG from Alliance for Risk Assessment to join as a sponsor of their workshop series <http://www.allianceforrisk.org/> . The Alliance is sponsoring a series of public workshops to continue the discussion on dose response assessment issues that was set forth by the National Academy of Science's 2008 document – Science and Decisions: Advancement of Risk Assessment (the silver book). The first workshop in March 2010 has 20 sponsors. The group agreed to sponsor the workshop and revisit potential monetary contribution to the workshops in April

8. SRA 2010 symposium proposals should be presented to DRSG before the April TeleMeeting so that DRSG members may have adequate time to work with symposia chairs to refine proposals.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Fitzpatrick