

MINUTES: DRSG TELECONFERENCE, OCTOBER 4, 2005

Present were Chair Ralph Kodell, Paul Schlosser, Gary Foureman, Patty Toccalino, Mike Zager, Sara Henry and Gay Goodman.

1. Website update

The July meeting notes have been posted. Sara Henry reported that the August meeting notes, which are very short due to short meeting, are in process. The DRSG poster has been updated and posted, as well as the Adverse Effect Report.

2. Student Award

Ms. Tiffany DeFoe (Carnegie Mellon University) has been selected as the winner and her photo is to be posted on the website. There was a discussion of how to increase participation in the student award competition. Is cost of travel a problem to applicants? Perhaps a questionnaire to academic department heads, as well as to government labs could be used to find out how we could make this award more attractive. Party Toccalino and Sara Henry suggested that the SRA office could sort the membership list by academic and governmental laboratory affiliation to get a source of students.

Industry sponsors for the award have been contacted and will be credited if their funds arrive in time for presentation of the award. DRSG has sufficient funds in the treasury for the award. The awardee will receive a \$500 check, registration waiver and plaque to be arranged by the SRA main office.

3. Teleseminars

2005 has been a good year for teleseminars. Drs. Bette Meek, Dale Hattis and Mel Andersen gave excellent, informative talks. Thanks go to Justin Teegarden for an outstanding job arranging the teleseminars.

4. Annual Meeting: December 4-7, 2005, Orlando, FL

The DRSG Business Breakfast is to be held Monday, 7-8 am in the Buena Vista Palace, site to be arranged by the SRA office. The DRSG Mixer is to be held Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm with presentation of the student award, site to be arranged by the SRA and the hotel. Mixer costs are to be borne by DRSG (\$500) and the SRA (\$500). Costs are heavily influenced by the hotel, leaving DRSG little choice, unless we go outside the hotel.

Four DRSG –endorsed symposia will occur: those sponsored by Paul Feder, Gary Foureman, Sara Henry, and Resha Putzrath.

5. Officers for 2006

Candidates are Chair-elect: Prof. Dale Hattis of Clark University. Vice-Chair: Dr. Paul Feder of Battelle Columbus and Dr. Eric Hack of TERA. Trustee at-Large: Dr. Patty Tocalino of the US Geological Survey.

Nominations are to be closed as per BY-Laws on Nov. 3 and the ballot is to be sent Nov. 4. New officers will be announced about a week before the Business meeting at the Annual Meeting.

6. Time for Teleconferences for 2006

Ralph will check with John Lipscomb about arranging with the EPA teleconference facility to have the telemeetings for 2006 at the same time as 2005.

7. Possible Roundtable on Definition of Adverse Effect at SRA Annual Meeting 2006

There was general agreement that this was a good idea. In particular, it would allow participation by Jonathan Wiener who cannot attend the SRA Annual Meeting this year.