

**SRA Dose Response Speciality Group (DRSG)**  
**Monthly Business Meeting Notes**  
**November 4, 2003**  
**3:30 - 4:30 EST**

***Members Present*** - Greg Blumenthal, Peg Coleman, Gary Foureman, Lynne Haber, Ralph Kodell, John Lipscomb (President), Peter McClure, Resha Putzrath, Paul Schlosser, Jim Wilson

## Agenda Items

1.) *DRSG's involvement with ACC through a "target" grant to address the use of the term "Adverse Effect" in regulations.*

Jim Wilson kindly gave a history of how and why this money is showing up in DRSG's account. He also indicated that he is presently engaged to see that the funds allotted (\$3000) are spent for their original purpose (a CMA/.ACC grant to DRSG to produce a report regarding the use of the term "adverse effects" in the regulatory setting). Jim said he is currently is currently communicating with John Wiener at Duke to identify a qualified law student that may be interested in the project. He indicated that we would expect a 5-10 page report but that it was unclear what we could do with that report.

2.) *Electronic "join-up" scrutiny*

This item was in response to a recent incident of someone "spamming" the Yahoo group seeking a job. In order to prevent this sort of thing becoming uncontrolled and rampant Paul and Greg Blumenthal have both volunteered to serve as a gateway "moderators" for messages from members who have recently joined. Greg has apparently altered the Yahoo group to facilitate this selectivity although it was unclear exactly how long "recently joined" actually was.

There was also a discussion here about membership in DRSG and membership in SRA. This discussion was clarified by consulting the bylaws which give two criteria for being a member of DRSG, 1.) that they have an interest in dose-response assessment and 2.) that they pay annual SRA dues; this would include all officers. The bylaws go on to say that it is up to the executive committee to require membership dues to DRSG.

3.) *Report-out of Student Travel Award winner*

John announced the winner again ( Dr. Jiin of NIOSH for work on reanalysis of the Steenland cohort exposure to diesel), that Dr. Jiin had been notified by a letter from national HQ (Lori Strong), and that the award amount was \$500 with a registration fee waiver (to be deducted from DRSG's account).

Other items were identified in this discussion of the student award. It was agreed that John would obtain a plaque (around \$30) for presentation to the student at the mixer, for Gary to obtain a (tasteful) blue ribbon to place on the poster, for someone to arrange to have poster board present in the mixer room Tuesday evening to display the poster and for John to send an email to the session chairs where the poster is to be presented (Monday session 24.3) so they can officially recognize our student award winner.

It was also agreed that the announcement of the winner should be included on flyers that are to be made available in a prominent place. Peter volunteered to tend to this matter.

#### *4.) DRSG Poster development*

This was tabled by the group, but not before John expressed to Peg, who has volunteered to oversee this idea, what many of us want to say to her about her unflagging efforts on the part of DRSG and other SRA speciality groups. Thank you, Peg.

#### *5.) Officer elections: Notice and call for nominations*

DRSG officerships that are currently open for nominations were reviewed again and are:

Vice-President  
President-elect  
Trustee

The membership present recognized Ralph Kodell as a nominee and Greg Blumenthal (present) as a nominee for Trustee.

Peter will prepare ballots and see that they are distributed to the membership through Yahoo. The last day for nominations would be the 14th of November. The nominated candidates would then provide a brief description of themselves (1-2 paragraphs) with elections started as soon as a ballot could be assembled and distributed. Peter and John would see to the ballot preparation and distribution. The last day to vote would be December 2. Results would be tallied in time for inclusion on the flyers that are to be prepared announcing the mixer (see Student Award, above).

#### *6.) DRSG/Eco joint mixer update*

This will be held Tuesday evening, December 9, from either 5 - 6:30 or 5:30 - 7:00 at a yet to be determined site.

Plans for business here are to announce the student award winner, announce the incoming officers, acknowledge the outgoing officers, and to have the student award poster displayed.

The menu has yet to be chosen, and John indicated that he would send along what he receives about food choices.

*7.) DRSG Breakfast meeting at SRA, Tuesday 7 am*

John has made arrangements for this event to be held in the lobby restaurant of the meeting hotel Tuesday morning at 7 am (anticipating an attendance of 12). Information on this event is to be transmitted to the Yahoo group.

Business discussed at this meeting would include brainstorming for the year ahead with ideas for increasing membership enrollment, ideas for teleseminars, membership fees to DRSG and any last minute preparations for the mixer, etc.

*8.) DRSG Flyer*

This item seemed to require some close attention and I have added it to aid Peter in his volunteer effort. These flyers are supposed to be brightly colored, available at registration and to contain the following announcements (maybe 150 total):

Time and Place of Joint Mixer (DRSG/Eco)

Name of student award winner and title of his presentation (to be viewed at the Mixer)

Names of Incoming and Outgoing DRSG Officers

DRSG will put out their own flyer, although we should check with Eco (Igor Linkov) to know exactly what both of us are doing.