



**Dose Response Specialty Group (DRSG)  
Monthly Business Meeting Notes  
December 7, 2004  
7AM Breakfast Meeting, Palm Springs CA**

**Attendees:** Sandy Baird, Janusz Byczkowski, Peg Coleman, Mike Dourson, Gary Foureman (President), Lynne Haber, Dale Hattis, Ralph Kodell (President-elect), Peter McClure (Secretary-Treasurer), Resha Putzrath, Paul Schlosser (Trustee-at-Large), Kim Travis, Jim Wilson, Mike Zager (Vice-President)

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

**1.) Announcement from Chris Frey, SRA President: SRA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Chris Frey announced that, at next year's annual meeting in Orlando, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the society will be celebrated. In preparation for the meeting, he requested that specialty groups brainstorm and prepare: 1) a list of significant milestone achievements in their specialty areas which have occurred over this period; 2) specialty area topics that may be of local interest; and 3) topics within specialty areas that are likely to be of interest in the near future. Chris is encouraging the development of a plenary session that highlights 25 years of accomplishments across specialty groups. Ensuing discussion included the possibility of a symposium/plenary session focused around one topic with contributions from each specialty group. Several topics in environmental risk assessment were brought up including pollution from metals such as mercury.

**2.) Election Results**

New officers were announced by Gary F. as follows:

President-elect: Justin G. Teegarden, Pacific Northwest National Laboratories  
 Secretary/Treasurer: Sara H. Henry, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (2-year term)  
 Trustee-at-large: Peter McClure, Syracuse Research Corporation (2-year term)

### **3.) DRSG Flyer**

Paul S. prepared a flyer with DRSG information that was distributed from the registration desk at the Palm Springs annual meeting. The comment was made that, next year, we should attempt to prepare the flyer earlier so that it could be included in each registration package.

### **4.) Report on “Adversity Project” – Jonathan Weiner and Student**

Gary F. reported that Jonathan Weiner has in hand a first draft report of the project investigating how “adverse effects” and related terms have been used across the array of U.S. statutes and regulations related to both human health and ecological effects. Several ideas on disseminating this analysis were discussed, including adding the final report on the DRSG website and possibly basing a teleseminar or symposium talk on the report. Gary will maintain contact with Jonathan as to when the report would be submitted to the DRSG.

### **5.) Change in By Laws**

The need for updating the language in the DRSG By Laws on confidentiality of the voting process to account for the use of e-mail, as well as altering the DRSG governing titles to "Chair" and "Chair-elect" were briefly discussed.

### **6.) Student Award**

It was agreed that a requirement linking the use of the Student Award to support travel to the SRA annual meeting should be emphasized in the announcement for next year’s competition.

### **7.) Topic for March teleseminar:**

Ideas for the March teleseminar were discussed. There appeared to be consensus that a presentation by Bette Meek on data-derived adjustments to uncertainty factors would be of interest. Ralph and Gary agreed to investigate the matter further.

### **8.) New Time for DRSG meetings: Tuesdays, 12 noon-1PM (eastern time)**

The new call-in number is 513 569 7897, the access code is 2790#. If you encounter difficulties accessing the line, please call the Help Desk at 513 569 7754. The next meeting is scheduled for January 4.