

DSRG Meeting
SRA 2008 Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
December 8, 2008

Sara Henry Called the meeting to order and announced the new officers for 2009.

Chair – Dr. Paul Feder, Battelle

Chair-elect – Dr. Jeff Gift, NCEA/EPA

Vice Chair – Dr. Patricia Toccalino, US Geological Survey

Secretary/Treasurer – Julie Fitzpatrick, ILSI Research Foundation

Trustee at Large – Dr. Nagu Keshava, NCEA/EPA (to finish out the remaining one year of Dr. Gift's two-year term):

Trustee – Dr. Kenny Crump, ICF Consulting

Treasurers Report – we had about \$5K and spent ~2K for annual meeting mixer and have a balance of about \$3,000.

Student Award – there will be no student award this year as none of the selected students were available to attend the meeting.

Tele-seminars – historically we have had three tele-seminars in March, June, and September each year. Paul Feder reviewed the three seminars held this past year.

The floor was opened for suggestions for Tele-seminars for this coming year.

1. Changes to EPA risk assessment approaches. Refined RfD to move away from the threshold approach. Solution-focused risk assessment issues.
2. Severity of effect and the use of precursor data in RfD and quantitative risk paradigm.
3. Terrorism and the consequences of attacks. What are the impacts to infrastructure?
4. Nanoscale does response issues.

DSRG Sponsored Symposium – Jeff Gift announced the DSRG Sponsored Poster Platform session: Analysis of Genomic Does-Response Data for Risk Assessment.

DSRG Mixer – The mixer will be Tuesday night in the Paine room from 6:00 – 7:00. All present were in favor of continuing the mixers.

Brainstorming Session for use of DSRG Funds:

1. Increase Student Awards
2. Food for mixer
3. Sponsored research such as the recent adverse effects research
4. Sponsored Continuing Education workshops
5. Use all available funds for additional/larger student awards
6. Invited tele-seminars by graduate students and post-docs with honoraria
7. Post-doc/New Investigator awards
8. Poster awards with cash prize
9. Floor presentation awards.

Submitted,

Julie Fitzpatrick