

Minutes of Annual DRSG Business Meeting
December 10, 2002

Attending: Peg Coleman, Paul Schlosser, Ron Brown, Jim Wilson, Sandy Baird, Justin Teegarden, Gary Foureman, Lynne Haber

Announcement of new officers: President elect - Gary Foureman;
Trustee – Paul Schlosser
Trustee – Peter McClure

Business:

1. Electronic discussion: Ron Brown noted that this was the first year with an electronic discussion session. Ron had hoped to implement this idea to a greater degree, but there was a lively discussion in this one instance (a follow-up to the teleforum presentation by Wout Slob). It was noted that these electronic exchanges could follow or be instead of an open teleforum.
To avoid the e-mail glut issue, it was suggested to flag business e-mails with a catchword. Paul Schlosser will investigate with the SRA webmaster the possibility of setting up an SRA chatroom, or setting up a separate DRSG-discussion list-serve. If the latter is followed, the initial topic would be announced on the general DRSG list-serve, with further discussion directed to the DRSG-discussion list-serve, to help people manage e-mail traffic.
2. General teleforum structure: The need to coach presenters that the conference call ends after exactly 1 hour was noted, so that presenters adjust their timing accordingly. It was noted that in earlier years the presenter assumed that the group had read the paper, or at least the abstract, so that the focus was on the discussion. We may wish to place greater emphasis on the discussion in the coming year.
3. Teleforum topics: Since we didn't get McLaughlin for the mixer, we could invite him to talk about endocrine disruptors at a teleforum. It was also suggested that the list from 2002 be reviewed for topics that were suggested but not implemented.
4. Student award: More abstracts were submitted this year than the previous year. Publicity this year included sending the announcement out to universities and printing in the SRA announcement of the annual meeting.
5. Continuing education: The question was raised of whether DRSG as a group should organize a continuing education course for fundraising. Peg Coleman shared lessons learned from the course she co-chaired – primarily the importance of clarity of communication regarding funding with SRA national. It was noted that SRA national now shares any profits from a given course with instructors of that course, so government-affiliated instructors can choose to donate those profits to a specialty section.
6. Symposia: Since symposia can get on the SRA program relatively easily, it was noted that people may not feel the need for DRSG sponsorship; dose-response related symposia are being submitted to the program committee directly, as well as going through the DRSG

sponsorship process. Nonetheless, it was agreed that it is worthwhile for DRSG to organize and advocate for people to submit symposium topics. Similarly, it is important to have a DRSG representative on the program committee.