

# Minutes for Upstate NY SRA Business Meeting

March 28, 2013, 5:30 – 8 pm, Syracuse, NY

<http://www.sra.org/upstateny/>

## Officers for 2012/2013

Peg Coleman, President  
Michele Stephenson, Webmaster  
Laura Steinberg, Councilor  
Jiyoung Park, Councilor

Changhyun Kwon, Secretary  
Bill Thayer, Treasurer  
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**Participants at March 28 Meeting:** Peg Coleman, Michele Stephenson, Laura Steinberg, Jiyoung (JP) Park, Peter McClure, Chuck Muniak, Keli Perrin, Stacey Massulik convened at Coleman's Restaurant; Brandolyn Thran, team lead for SRAonCampus event in NV (linked by facetime); Laura Rickard unable to attend due to illness.

## Agenda

### Discussion Topics

- Upstate NY was the lead Regional Organization (RO) for the 2012 SRAonCampus grant project funded under the SRA new initiatives program. Partnering ROs included two established ROs (Australia/New Zealand and New England) and a newly forming RO (Nevada). The final report for the project (see <http://www.sra.org/upstateny/>) describes seven events held in 2012 and expectations for hosting an eighth event in Upstate NY in 2013. Details for LinkedIn members to join the SRAonCampus formed in 2012 will be provided. (See action item 2).

The SRAonCampus report describes success in convening more than 100 participants at University of NV Reno event with SRA Fellow Paul Slovic in 2012. However, none of the participants responded with interest in signing a petition to request formation of a new RO for NV. Brandolyn Thran, team lead for the SRAonCampus event in NV, suggested partnering with Upstate NY SRA on a follow-up event that incorporates video-conferencing to link U NV Reno participants with other partnering ROs. Participants and partnering RO leads agreed that the topic of *Risk Analysis and Fracking* was of great interest, building on the video from the Upstate NY SRAonCampus event with SRA Fellow Bernie Goldstein (see <http://www.sra.org/upstateny/risk-analysis-and-fracking-youtube-links>).

A work plan will be developed to link the partnering ROs by video conference, as well as multiple sites within Upstate NY as funding permits. (See action item 4).

- The SRA Secretariat prepared a guidance document on new operational procedures that was discussed at the recent SRA Regional Organization (RO) Chairs meeting in San Francisco. Upstate NY SRA will be transitioning to align with the new procedures over the next year or two. (See action item 5a).

- A new slot for a student representative on the ballot for the fall election of officers for Upstate NY SRA is under consideration. (See action item 5a).
- Information items included reports from two officers unable to participate in-person.
  - Treasurer Bill Thayer reported that the current balance in the Upstate NY SRA local account is \$1,347.16. A report on the funds collected by SRA Secretariat at national meetings was not available.
  - Secretary Changhyun Kwon is preparing a RISK newsletter article for review early this month. (See action item 3).

### **Action Items**

1. Peg Coleman will prepare and distribute minutes to officers and those who RSVP'd for the meeting. Peg will consider feedback submitted within one week of the meeting, make any appropriate revisions to the minutes, and submit the March minutes to our webmaster Michele Stephenson for posting on our website.
2. Peg Coleman will provide information about the LinkedIn group for SRAonCampus to partnering ROs.
3. Changhyun Kwon will prepare and distribute a draft RISK newsletter article on Upstate NY SRA activities in early April to officers and participants of March meeting, revise as appropriate, and submit to the newsletter editor for publication by April 15.
4. Peter McClure will explore options for potential hosts the videoconference and prepare a work plan for the SRAonCampus follow-up event on *Risk Analysis and Fracking* in 2013 by June 15th (see link to 2012 video at <http://www.sra.org/upstateny/risk-analysis-and-fracking-youtube-links>).
5. Workgroups will be forming to align with operational procedures guidance prepared by the SRA Secretariat.
  - a) Chuck Muniak will begin considering amendments to Upstate NY SRA bylaws (see <http://www.sra.org/upstateny/bylaws>) and guidance from SRA Secretariat. Two ideas discussed were combining Secretary/Treasurer offices and adding a graduate student representative to our bylaws in advance of 2013 elections. An opportunity is available for an additional volunteer to join this workgroup.
  - b) Volunteers are needed to assist with organizing the fall election.

**Next Meeting Anticipated in mid June (host and location to be determined)**

*Respectfully submitted by Peg Coleman*

*12 April 2013*