

Minutes for Upstate NY SRA Business Meeting

October 24, 2013, 5 – 8 pm, Syracuse, NY

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Participants at October 24th Meeting: Peg Coleman, Laura Steinberg, Swiat Kaczmar, Peter McClure, Chuck Muniak, Laura Rickard, Erica Tauzer, Steve Mooney, Katie Batill, Bryan Comer, Graham Dixon, Gina Eosco.

Presentations:

Upstate NY SRA members convened at O'Brien and Gere, 333 West Washington Street, Syracuse, NY on Thursday, October 24th. The following speakers presented on risk-related research topics.

Steve Mooney, Managing Scientist at O'Brien and Gere	Topic: <i>Risk-Related Work at O'Brien and Gere</i>
Upstate NY Graduate Researchers 1. Katie Batill, SUNY ESF 2. Bryan Comer, SUNY ESF 3. Graham Dixon, Cornell U 4. Gina Eosco, Cornell U	Topics in Risk Assessment and Risk Communication: 1. <i>Hydrofracking in the News</i> 2. <i>Mapping Air Pollution in the Great Lakes Region</i> 3. <i>Affective Arousal and 'Balanced' Risk Reporting</i> 4. <i>Unique Approach to Environmental Risk Visuals</i>

Discussion Topics

By-Laws: Chuck Muniak and Peg Coleman presented the amended By-Laws for circulation for an email vote to adopt and submit to SRA Secretariat.

Elections for 2014 Officers: Although fall elections were briefly discussed at the meeting, the demands of organizing the 2014 webinar series precluded organizing a fall election. In addition, the amended By-Laws included changes in the elected positions. Therefore, a special election is anticipated after the amended By-Laws are approved by SRA Secretariat.

2014 Webinar Series: Peter McClure and Peg Coleman presented information on the 2014 webinar series entitled *Scientific Studies of Water-Resource Impacts of Natural Gas Extraction from the Marcellus Shale*. The series will run from January through June 2014, and all of the webinars are scheduled on Thursdays from noon to 1:30 pm. The

confirmed speakers below will present on their research from their respective places of employment for approximately 45 minutes, followed by 20- to 40-minute discussion periods for webinar participants.

1. **Jeanne Briskin** (EPA ORD), An overview of EPA' s Study of the Potential Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Drinking Water Resources: January 23
2. **Robert Jackson** (Duke University), Geochemistry Studies of Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing on Water Resources in Pennsylvania: February 20
3. **Trevor Penning** (University of Pennsylvania), Public Health Impacts of Hydrofracturing and Research Recommendations: March 13
4. **Reynold Panettieri** (University of Pennsylvania), Health Consequences of Hydrofracturing: The Known and Unknown: April 17
5. **Shelia Olmstead** (University of Texas, Austin), Shale Gas Development Impacts on Surface Water Quality in Pennsylvania: May 1
6. **Pouné Saberi** (University of Pennsylvania), Health Perspectives Study in the Marcellus Shale: June 26

EPA Region II is providing UpsNY SRA access to 50 lines through EPA's the webinar system for the series. Partnering ROs included Nevada and New England. To maximize participation for the 50 lines available, each RO is offering reserved lines to potential hosts who will convene groups of faculty, students, and risk practitioners and project the webinar in conference rooms. Host sites and call-in information will be announced in December, 2013.

Action Items

1. Peg Coleman will prepare and distribute minutes to officers and members who attended the meeting prior to posting on the website.
2. Peg Coleman will submit the amended By-Laws to members and request comments and approval prior to submission to SRA Secretariat.
3. Peg Coleman will appoint a nominating committee for a special election of officers after approval of the amended By-Laws (anticipated in the spring quarter of 2014).
4. Peter McClure will develop a list of host sites and contact persons for reserved lines and coordinate with EPA and the UpsNY SRA webmaster regarding host sites and call-in information.
5. Laura Steinberg will identify a student to prepare a poster for marketing the event.

Next Meeting Anticipated First Quarter 2014 (host and location to be determined)

Respectfully submitted by Peg Coleman

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