**Minutes of DRSG Meeting**

**6 December 2022**

Prepared by Dustin Kapraun

**Participants**:

Andrew Williams, Chair

Michael Dzierlenga, Vice Chair

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Scott Auerbach, Past Chair

Dustin Kapraun, Secretary/Treasurer

Allen Davis, Trustee-at-Large

Sarah Davidson, Trustee-at-Large

Bidya Prasad, Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Representative

Jeffry Dean

Peg Coleman

Paul Schlosser

Weihsueh Chiu

**Agenda Items**

(Action items are highlighted.)

* Michael reviewed the presentation he gave on 12/6/2022 (prior to this virtual officers’ meeting) at the DRSG business meeting at the SRA Annual Meeting (happening this week). [Michael’s slide deck from the DRSG business meeting is attached to these minutes.]
* Michael expressed his impression that DRSG has a substantial membership – there is a sufficiently large number of members, but we are perhaps not doing a good enough job of engaging our members.
* We discussed renaming the specialty group to reflect the other topics and research areas that we “cover.”
  + Michael proposed the name “Hazard and Dosimetry Specialty Group” (HDSG)
  + Weihsueh proposed “Dose and Response Specialty Group” (DRSG) – same abbreviation, but subtle difference in the name and range of topics included
  + Dustin proposed “Dosimetry and Dose Response Specialty Group” (DDRSG)
* Michael suggested that we should improve communication and posed the following questions:
  + What is the best way to reach students and young professionals?
  + Should we intentionally and systematically use tools like LinkedIn and Twitter?
  + What rules does SRA impose on SG communications?
* Michael suggested that we should target academic programs for communications as a way to reach students.
  + There may be an existing list (developed by SRG ~10 years ago) of academic programs that have degree programs related to chemical risk assessment.
  + Paul will look to see if he can find this list. [Note: After the meeting Paul searched and was unable to find the list of academic programs. He proposed that we should send a message to all previous officers to see if we can find this list.]
* Paul suggested that we could try to communicate with academic departments that are “local” to the SRA Annual Meeting; for example, we could look for universities within 100 miles of the SRA Annual Meeting site that have relevant academic departments and attempt to contact them and recruit students to submit abstracts for the meeting.
* Michael presented webinar ideas collected at the DRSG business meeting at the SRA Annual Meeting.
  + [See slide deck from the DRSG business meeting.]
  + Dustin proposed we recruit a speaker to give a pharm/QSP talk
  + Dustin proposed that we ask Tony Williams to give his presentation on professional networking tools (LinkedIn, ResearchGate, etc.). This talk could bring in students from across SRA that we could attempt to recruit for DRSG.
* Michael expressed that some students indicated that abstract submission fees are a barrier to applying for awards (which require a “submitted abstract” for consideration).
  + Dustin asked if we might consider whether DRSG could sponsor/cover abstract submission fees, perhaps requiring students submit an abbreviated abstract to be considered for such sponsorship.
  + Michael clarified after the meeting that the primary reason for hesitancy among students interested in applying for awards is the need to secure funds to travel to the SRA annual meeting prior to applying. That’s because submission of an SRA abstract commits one to attending the meeting if the abstract is accepted.