

## **Minutes for the April 15, 2025 Hazard and Dose-Response Specialty Group (HDRSG)**

1. Membership and financial update:
  - a. 74 current members. This is less than the 98 members in 2022 and 85 members in 2023. The decreased membership for 2025 may be an underestimation since not all members renew before the annual meeting.
  - b. The HDRSG has \$31,798.47 as of December 2024. This includes \$31,678.47 under DRSG and \$120 under HDRSG. The two accounts need to be combined.
  - c. Approximately \$1,050 is obtained each year from dues.
  - d. There was a suggestion to fund full travel for a student with the HDRSG funds. Another suggestion included a \$500-1,000 award based on a research proposal that includes hazard and/or dose response.
  
2. Membership survey:
  - a. The membership survey contained 6 responses.
  - b. A comment requested hearing from the HDRSG more often and suggested adding additional seminars or publishing a quarterly newsletter.
  - c. A comment suggested combining with other specialty groups for the webinar. HDRSG has spoken with other groups (i.e., Advanced Materials) about combining webinars, but interest in collaboration has not yet produced a joint seminar.
  
3. Webinar suggestions from the survey:
  - a. The international harmonization of PFAS safety levels.
  - b. Breaking down the silo between chemical and radiation risk with ALARA. Specifically, evaluation of formaldehyde was provided as an example.
  - c. Dose-response of molecular changes versus apical effects. This was discussed at a seminar that was presented last year. Instead of repeating the topic, the talk could focus on methods.
  - d. Hazard classification in a regulatory context in the absence of chemical data.
  - e. Hazard and dose-response topics related to polymers in food toxicity evaluations.
  - f. A suggestion was made that critics of methods could be brought in to hear both sides of the science.
  
4. Student award flyer:
  - a. Advertise on the listserv and send flyers to local universities in Washington, D.C.
  - b. Add the possibility of multiple winners to the flyer.

5. Listserv versus member list:

- a. There are 204 HDRSG subscribers to the listserv. It is unclear how many are current members versus previous members. It is also unclear how many of the subscribers receive the listserv email or whether it is being filtered to spam.
- b. A non-member survey was proposed. This would be used to assess the engagement of listserv members. The survey would inquire if the recipients were recent members and, if not, why they are no longer a member.
- c. The non-member survey would ask similar questions to the member survey.