

Minutes for the May 14, 2024 Hazard and Dose-Response Specialty Group (HDRSG)

1. The chair elect and trustee positions remain open:
 - a. An advertisement for the chair elect will be included in the next SRA newsletter. It was mentioned that there are no policies preventing past chairs from serving as chair a second time if the position is open. It was emphasized that it is important to pass on the position to allow exposure to new ideas and perspectives.
 - b. Two slots remain open for trustees. The trustee at large position is a way to recognize people who are unofficially involved in the group. The position does not have to be filled if trustees are not present in the group this year.
2. To address the disparate numbers of members in different specialty groups, it was recommended that SRA raise their annual fee by \$20 and allow two specialty groups to be chosen for free. The specialty groups will receive the \$10 for each person that joins from the SRA membership fee. Additional groups can be joined for \$10 each. This recommendation will be discussed at the next SRA quarterly meeting.
3. Students would not be charged for joining specialty groups. This could help increase specialty group membership for students and early career individuals.
4. Each specialty group receives \$1500 of "use or lose" funds. The comped student registration and honorarium for student award is usually obtained from these funds. There is no restriction on putting more funds toward student awards or on providing additional awards. SRA has changed the allocation of funds to specialty groups and there is a need to discuss this change in allocation within the HDRSG.
5. The student award announcement was sent to specialty group members and a Linked-In blast was posted. The announcement will be sent out to the group and placed on Linked-In a second time. The SRA has also agreed to advertise the award internally. HDRSG student membership is low. There may be additional students who are reached by placing the announcement in the SRA newsletter. June 1 is the deadline for student awards.
6. A suggestion was made to ask for the emails of applicants for the student awards. This would allow the group to reach out to students who did not submit an extended abstract and clarify what is required to be considered for the award.
7. Advanced Materials expressed interest in collaborating in a joint webinar but has asked it to be moved to September. Encouraging cross-collaboration is a priority

for SRA since specialty groups tend to overlap. There is still interest within HDSRG in hosting a joint webinar with Advanced Materials.

8. There are currently no speakers scheduled for the June webinar. Paul White was suggested as a speaker to provide an update on ToxCast.