

Minutes for the August 12, 2025 Hazard and Dose-Response Specialty Group (HDRSG)

Attendees: Michael, Paul, Chase, Iris, Leah

1. Student award:
 - a. A spreadsheet of potential awardees was sent to the chairs on August 4th with a request for winners by August 18th. Winners are requested earlier this year so that a code can be provided to permit free registration for the annual meeting instead of reimbursement.
 - b. Four candidate abstracts were received for the student Merit Award. Paul, Chase, and Iris will meet on Thursday August 14th to discuss the applications.
2. September webinar planning:
 - a. Dr. Marcus Garcia (University of New Mexico) is confirmed for a presentation on the measurement, distribution, and associated health effects of microplastic exposure. He was asked to provide a title, talk summary, and a head shot for promotion of the seminar.
 - b. To increase attendance, a coordinated zoom webinar will be held with SRA/Big Voice on September 9th. Michael is the moderator. Paul volunteered as a back-up moderator if needed.
 - c. Big Voice will be marketing the webinar and will set up a registration page for attendance. The purpose is to encourage and increase attendance.
3. Research Award:
 - a. Jill Bressier from SRA stated the research award can be given as long as the HDRSG has the funding. The award can be sent using a variety of means but is taxable above \$599.
 - b. The award announcement was updated to request a letter of interest (up to three pages), a budget, and an impact statement.
 - c. SRA membership is not required. The recipient will be invited to give a presentation at the annual meeting or at an HDRSG seminar. Although it is not required to be an SRA member, it is expected the winner would join. It was noted that the announcement does not specify that the winner is expected to become a member or participate in SRA. The requirement for membership was discussed further, and several suggestions were made:
 - i. Preference could be given to SRA members.

- ii. If not a member, then membership fees could be taken from the award.
 - iii. Regardless of membership status, winners would receive a complementary one-year membership, annual meeting registration, and \$599.
 - iv. Several awards could be given if they were smaller awards of \$599 plus one-year complementary membership.
 - d. Awardees will be invited to present in 2025 and 2026. In 2025, the winning research plan would be presented and in 2026 the research project results would be presented.
 - e. Advertising for the award will occur in September with a due date of November 1. The awardee will be notified before December 8th. Late notification could prevent the awardee from attending the annual meeting in 2025.
4. The SRA Advisory Council summer meeting will be held August 14th. A quarterly report is due at the meeting. This quarter's report will include information about the June and September webinars, student awards, upcoming research award, and reporting that four abstracts were received for the merit award.
5. Trevor Plumley gave Iris permission to update the HDRSG website. The current officers and events page needs to be updated. Iris requested a list of updates for the website and meeting minutes. Leah will send Iris meeting minutes from 2024 and 2025.