

SUSTAINABLE REMEDIATION FORUM

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SUMMARY

May 23, 2012

- Additions to Agenda
- Committee reports
 - Meetings
 - Finance
 - Technical Initiatives
 - Communications/Outreach
 - Membership
 - Nominations
- Other business
 - US: new developments, policies, or conferences
 - International: new developments, policies, or conferences
- Next meeting

Attendees:

Karin Holland, President	✓	Stewart Abrams	✓
Nick Garson, Vice President	✓	Angela Fisher	✓
Karina Tipton, Secretary		Mike Miller	✓
Brandt Butler, Treasurer	✓	Curt Stanley	✓
Paul Favara, Past President (non-voting attendee)	✓	Dan Watts	✓
Mike Rominger			

Quorum confirmed. Meeting called to order at 5:30 pm PST.

- Additions to Agenda: Review of Board goals for 2012
- Approve last board's final meeting minutes:
 - Not everyone had a chance to read the last set of meeting minutes so the Board did not vote to approve them; voting will take place at next board meeting.
- The Board's goals and expectations discussed during 16 February 2012 and 3 March 2012 were revisited.
 - Academic Outreach / Student Chapter Initiative Goals:
 - Guidance for Student Chapter: currently providing \$1500 for student chapter attendance at SURF meetings. This might not be sustainable at more student chapters join SURF.
 - Mike Miller and the Academic Outreach Committee are working on a document that highlights the benefits and opportunities of becoming a student chapter of SURF.
 - The Academic Outreach Committee is developing a design competition to encourage the student chapters (give them a problem, and have them work together to solve it, review and award a winner)

- What is the value for students? Help with research projects, knowledge about job opportunities and job postings, understanding their career path, student internships, connections with professionals, being on Degree committee, working on SURF Initiatives. etc. Should SURF get the students together and ask them what can we do to help them? Is this going to help them get a job?
 - Student Paper Competition at Battelle. Pamela Dugan and Mike Miller are beginning to talk with Battelle to get sustainability incorporated into the student competition next year on June 10-13, Jacksonville, FL. It would be helpful having SURF members available to review and help with their submissions.
 - Regulatory Outreach Discussion:
 - Stephanie Fiorenza and Buddy Bealer have been talking about regulatory outreach. They are reaching out to API. The Board discussed state increasing state regulators involvement. It is likely that an EPA representative will attend SURF 21 in DC. Hopefully, a CO regulator will be attending SURF 20. Paul Favara will call NREL and invite them to SURF 20.
 - CA Low Threat Closure – unanimously passed, but under review.
 - Region 9 UST Green Calculator also released. This may be a way to begin incorporating sustainability into discussions.
 - SURF is looking at areas of synergy with EPA.
 - Collaborations with other SURF organizations:
 - Karin is in discussion with Jonathan Smith from SURF UK re integration with other SURF chapters. More formal calls on a quarterly basis are being planned.
 - SURF USA will be inviting other SURF chapter to the DC meeting.
 - The international SURF chapters are trying to set up a panel or workshop at the sustainable remediation conference in Vienna in November 2012. EPA is involved and sponsoring the conference.
 - Technical Initiatives:
 - Rating Systems Initiative – looking for another co-leader
 - Site of Sites (Sustainable Remediation Resource Index Initiative) is progressing well
 - Available SURF Resources. Karina and Angela will discuss this and come up with a plan and solicit additional help.
 - Paul Hadley will be providing an outline of the water TI deliverable to the Board in upcoming weeks
- Survey Results – will be discussed on next call. The Board will review the survey before the next call and be prepared to discuss.
- Committee reports
 - Meetings : SURF 20 Agenda is almost finalized. Practitioners in CO looking at doing fracking in a more sustainable way. Need to make sure that the speakers focus on the relevance of sustainable remediation. Tom Sale will be invited to the next board call. In future, should presenters be asked to submit abstracts instead of the meeting committee inviting all speakers?
 - Finance: SURF has a projected deficit. The Board discussed ways to reduce this deficit. Reduce student chapter travel funds? Reduce international support? The Board needs to think of ideas to increase our funds or decrease our expenditures.
 - Technical Initiatives
 - Communications/Outreach
 - Membership

- Nominations – on hold until end of year.
- Other business -- none to discuss today.
- Next meeting to be held on June 8th.

Meeting adjourned, 6:38pm PT.

The preceding represents the author's interpretation of the items discussed at the meeting.

Please contact me with any discrepancies, changes, or clarifications in writing for inclusion in the record.

Respectfully submitted by,

Angela Fisher, At Large Trustee