

**Range Science Education Council  
Annual Meeting Minutes – Albuquerque, NM  
February 8, 2009**

Meeting called to order by Karen Launchbaugh at 9:00 am.

**Members and Guests Present:**

18 member institutions were represented with 1 guest. Mike Borman (Oregon State University), Georgia Younglove (Chadron State College), Edward Bork (University of Alberta), Ernest B. Fish (Texas Tech University), Chris Call (Utah State University), Dan Rodgers & Ann Hild (University of Wyoming), Mort Kothmann & Richard Conner (Texas A&M University), Pat Johnson (South Dakota State University), Karen Hickman & Keith Owens (Oklahoma State University), Mitch McClaran (University of Arizona), Karen Launchbaugh (University of Idaho), Ken Fulgham & Susan Edinger Marshall (Humboldt State University), Walter Fick (Kansas State University), Don Kirby & Shawn DeKeyser (North Dakota State University), Jerry Holechek (New Mexico State University), Val Jo Anderson (Brigham Young University), Barry Perryman (University of Nevada-Reno), Jorge LaFantasie (Fort Hays State University) and John A. Taylor (University of Queensland Gatton Q Australia).

**Program:** “Range Science Capstone Courses: What are you doing?”

Karen Hickman began the meeting by providing a brief overview of the program.

Ann Hild, Richard Conner, Val Jo Anderson, Mitch McClaran and Karen Hickman each presented the dynamics of their capstone course for their respective institutions. The presentations were then followed by an open discussion of capstone courses.

Karen Launchbaugh wrapped up the morning presentations by discussing where we should go from here.

**Business Meeting began at 11:10 am.** Minutes and agendas were distributed. Karen Launchbaugh started the business meeting by having everyone introduced themselves and give a brief overview of the current status of their program. Ken Fulgham moved to accept the minutes as presented. Pat Johnson seconded the motion/motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report was distributed and presented by Don Kirby. 23 institutions were members of RSEC in 2008. Account balances of January 1, 2009 were \$15,493.84 in savings and \$841.30 in checking. Receipts of \$1,150.00 and \$99.82 interest income were received and payments of \$1,010.00 were made in 2008. Dan Rodgers moved to accept the treasurers report/Ken Fulgham seconded/motion carried. Don announced that he is still planning on working with Shawn DeKeyser to take over the treasurer responsibilities. There was also discussion on the need to increase dues if we are now going to give out two teaching awards.

Historian’s Report Karen Launchbaugh will continue work with Mort on maintaining the RSEC website.

Teaching Awards Committee Report – Ed Bork, chair of the Undergraduate Teaching Award Committee, reported that the teaching awards committee did develop two awards for this year. Six new applications were submitted and 1 application carried over from last year. The committee was able to select

**Action Items for 2009:**

- ▶ Historian, M. Kothmann and K. Launchbaugh will continue to work on RSEC website.
- ▶ The RSEC officers will suggest a reasonable procedure for making decisions regarding requests for funding a project.
- ▶ The RSEC officers will look into getting continuing education credits for the 2010 meeting.
- ▶ Karen Launchbaugh and committee will continue on grant issue.

recipients for both awards from the pool of 7 applications and will announce the selection during the Student Awards ceremony on Wednesday, February 11, 2009. .

### **New Business:**

Outstanding Teaching Award – Ed Bork presented the new wording of the two teaching awards. Ken Fulgham moved to accept. Dan Rodgers seconded. Ken Fulgham moved to amend to change wording to teacher on record. Mort Kothmann seconded. Motions carried. Mitch McClaran moved to change time frame to 6 years. Pat Johnson seconded. Motion failed.

Selection of replacement members for the Teaching Award Committee. Jeff Fehmi and Don Kirby will rotate off the committee. Chris Call and Walt Fick volunteered to serve 3-year terms (2012). Ed Bork (2010) was appointed as chair of the committee. Remaining members are Georgia Younglove (2010), Pat Johnson (2011), Barry Perryman (2011).

Election of New Secretary – Mort Kothmann nominated Ed Bork to serve as secretary. Ed declined. Mitch McClaran nominated Jeff Fehmi and Pat Johnson seconded the nomination. Ken Fulgham move nomination cease and Mort Kothmann seconded it. Election of Jeff Fehmi as RSEC Secretary passed unanimously.

Ken Fulgham suggested applying for the presentation portion of the RSEC meetings to count for continuing education credits toward certification. It was decided the officers will take care of that for the 2010 meeting.

### **Transfer of the Leadership:**

Karen Launchbaugh passed the RSEC Presidency to Karen Hickman.

Val Jo Anderson moved that the meeting be adjourned/Mitch McClaran seconded/ motion passed and meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.