

## AMS Committee on Environmental Responsibility Conference Call

8 August 2014, 11 a.m. Eastern

### Meeting Notes

On the phone: Richard Clark, Eugene Cordero, Caroline Normile, Dominic Cammarota, Ana Ordonez, Claudia Gorski, Marjorie Huntington, Christa Peters, Kathleen Schreiber

Notetaker: Ana Ordonez

1. Note from Kathy:

Sent report to exec committee on minutes of April meeting.

2. Town Hall (Dominic, Rich, Caroline)

Dominic is filling out the form to reserve a space. Claudia sent out out copies of the reservation form and current town hall schedule, which is subject to change. It was decided that a time during lunch early in the week would likely be better attended. We discussed using a panel with speakers who are familiar with sustainable practices at the convention center and in Phoenix and other cities. Rich offered to find some other names for speakers who are knowledgeable on greening urban environments. Caroline, Rich, Dominic, and Kathy will continue working on identifying and obtaining speakers.

3. Exhibit hall (Rebecca, Brenda, Kathy)

It does not appear that we have submitted the form for space here. Brenda is creating a panel about the committee for the AMS Resource Center.

4. Awards banquet (Eugene, Claudia, Kathy)

Marge forwarded information about the caterers in an email before the call. The catering company advertises using many sustainable practices, such as sourcing a lot of food locally. Marge and Eugene have worked together with the caterers on ideas for the awards banquet, including working on a vegetable focused plate with locally sourced protein. Claudia is working on inserting wording from Eugene about CER's impact on the dining selections into the President's banquet speech. Please review the draft that Claudia sends out to CER.

5. Student Engagement (Rich, Eugene, Caroline, Rebecca)

Eugene, Rich, and Caroline will meet and talk about how to act on several ideas that they have.

#### 6. Weatherfest (Eugene)

Our booth will be similar to last year's, when Eugene facilitated a carbon footprint game for children with help from his students. CER members are welcome to stop by and engage with parents and AMS members who stop by. The form for Weatherfest is online.

#### 7. Green meetings (Rich, Eugene, Rebecca)

Claudia shared that we are in good shape for Phoenix, where the convention center is LEED certified and uses many sustainable practices. She is also writing a page for the conference program about the convention center. We discussed recycling nametags and the possibilities of putting up signs at registration to inform people about this option along, mentioning it in Claudia's write-up, and adding more recycling centers at main exits and hotels. The online registration form asks users if they will need a printed program. Claudia will reconnect with the registration website programmer about adding an option for carbon offsets. Please review the carbon offsets list that Claudia will send around.

#### 8. Membership (Kathy)

Kathy contacted the executive committee for suggestions, and she has shared their responses in a previous email to CER members. The town hall was noted to be an additional source of potential recruits. We do not have any current prospects for membership. It was suggested that Claudia could add a call for members to her program piece. Kathy will draft a call to send around for editing. CER members are asked to review their own networks for anyone who might be interested in joining.

#### 9. Committee website (Kathy)

Kathy is in touch with Brian Mardirosian, who is the digital communications manager at AMS and currently our best contact for getting things onto the website. Kathy plans to put several sets of meeting minutes and our call for membership online. Caroline needs her email address corrected, and anyone else who needs to update personal information or has other suggestions should send that information to Kathy.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. Eastern time.