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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday August 28, 2017
Teleconference 6:00PM MDT 5:00PM MST/PDT

Call to order: Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:03PM. Tony, Ray, Ric and Greg (ex officio) also in attendance.

Old Business

1. 2017 Workshop Update - Ric/Chris: Chris was invited to join the meeting but was unable to because of business commitments.
 - a. Ric reported that planning is going well. Ric, Chris and Greg meet by phone once a week to coordinate planning. Chris plans to put the workshop agenda and registration up on the website later this week. First, members will be invited to sign up. Several weeks later, non-members will be able to sign up. Registration cost: \$70 for non-members; \$55 for members. Lunches provided on Saturday and Sunday. Dinner Saturday night will be offered for \$35. Dates: Fri. 10 Nov – Sun. 12 Nov. There is room for 36 participants.
 - b. Ric has been coordinating with the director of South Mountain Park, who would be a real asset to the workshop. He plans to hold an optional field trip there the morning of 10 November and perhaps use the data collected there for the workshop's computer exercises.
 - c. Rick has arranged with a local hotel (Hotel Moxi) for a discounted rate of \$129/night plus tax. It was suggested that a sign-up sheet be posted for folks who would like to share rooms to cut costs. Ric agreed that it can be arranged.
 - d. Tony suggested that the Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund might be able to sponsor part of the workshop—to be discussed later.
 - e. One important item of possible interest would be a section in the workshop that would discuss different ways of interpreting data and would also look at error analysis and methods to do it.
 - f. A question was raised about whether workshop participants who were interested in watching and listening but not involved in practicing on the software would be welcome in the workshop. Ric pointed out that there were only so many seats available in the room and that he thought observers would be a distraction to the others who were working with the software. Also, he didn't want folks who weren't engaged in the training to take seats from some who are.
 - g. ASU students are not invited to the workshop.

2. 2016 Conference Publication Update Greg/Ray: Greg reports that article review is coming along slowly but surely. We discussed funding for the effort. Should we start now to raise funds? Greg and Ray believe that we are better off when we have a volume together to show potential funders. Publication, including editing, can probably be done for about \$10K. Those engaged in editing were urged to complete their reviews as soon as possible.
3. Visioning Group Update: Bryan has sent letters to Ed Krupp and to Michael Graves about leading a Visioning Committee, or at least to take part in one, but has not yet heard back. He will query them again about the role. He is planning to invite GB Cornucopia to take part as well. Bryan would also like the Visioning Committee to consider ways to make SCAAS more sustainable over the long term and to provide funding to create the position of Executive Director.

New Business

1. SCAAS Daily Operations: Bryan pointed out that Greg Munson has been serving for some time now effectively in the role of Executive Director, helping Bryan on a nearly daily basis, though in an unpaid capacity. Clearly that arrangement is not sustainable. The committee expressed interest in this idea. The committee also thanked Greg for his exemplary service to SCAAS. This idea raises the question of how to provide for a modest salary for an Executive Director, which could not be answered in this meeting. Such considerations would be part of a careful look at the organization and what might be done to raise the needed money. This might be part of the portfolio of the Visioning Committee, or, if not, the portfolio of a new subcommittee.
2. Newsletter: Bryan urged people to submit articles, announcements, etc. to William Seven as soon as possible for the Fall Equinox newsletter. One suggestion was to write about people's eclipse experiences. Book reviews, book or article suggestions are all welcome. The point is to increase the value of the newsletter to SCAAS members.
3. Bryan raised the issue of when we could hold the next Board Meeting. October 9, 16, or 23 were mentioned. Bryan would get back to the Board on that question.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned promptly at 7:01PM.

Certified by: Ray Williamson, SCAAS Secretary

Bryan Bates, SCAAS President

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