

RPIRG Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
March 14th, 2008

1. Call to Order: 3:10

2. Go around: How are you?

3. S3Regina Conference Funding: Discussion around what clarification was necessary from the conference organizers for RPIRG to adequately assess the application.

The Board was primarily concerned with the subject of the conference: what exactly would RPIRG be funding? The application and presentation were sufficiently vague enough about the content of the conference that the Board was unwilling, at this point, to make a firm decision about it.

Discussion evolved into a broader discussion as to what liberties RPIRG can take in assessing topics of events being funded.

It was decided that there is enough known about the conference to approve funding from RPIRG for student members to be able to attend and enter into the dialouge being fostered by this international event.

BIRT the RPIRG Board of Directors approves the spending of up to \$1500 to offset the cost of registering for the S3Regina conference for UofR students.

-Consensus Reached

4. AIA Conference: Sundry costs have arisen for the AIA conference. Primarily, it has come to light that the lunch being provided can not be funded by the group who was previously thought to be covering such costs. There have also been increases in printing costs, as well as other materials such as name tags.

BIRT the RPIRG Board of Directors approves the spending of up to \$900 in costs for the AIA conference.

-Consensus Reached

5. Nominations: It is clear that there will not be the adequate amount of nominations to validate an election for the RPIRG Board of Directors. RPIRG Board discussed this fact and came to the conclusion that vacant seats on the Board of Directors are not uncommon among campus and community non-profits, and should not be seen as an indicator of legitimacy unless a trend becomes clear over an extended period of time.

Discussion also arose concerning the timing of elections on campus. It was generally acknowledged

that the request from student organizations to ask students for such a high level of volunteer commitment during the closing of the Winter Semester is probably the most inconvenient time for students. Discussion revolved around the possibility of not holding elections beyond reading week in the future.

The rest of the discussion will be tabled until next meeting.

6. Next meeting: Thursday, March 20th at 3:00pm

7. Closing Go Around: How was the meeting?

8. Meeting Adjourned: 4:20