Welcome to our second webinar annual meeting!
Agenda

- Introduction and Summary of 2018
- Committee Reports
  - Communications
  - 2018 Conference
  - Field Trips
  - Emerging Professionals
  - Awards
  - Board Structure
- Coordination with SER-I
  - Certification for Ecological Restoration Professionals
  - North America Coordinating Committee
  - 2020 Conference in Quebec
  - Chapter Relations Committee
- Financial and Membership Report
- Wrap-up
- Q&A
Communications Committee

Digital media presence
- Website updates
- Social media growth (Facebook and LinkedIn)

Conference communications
- Announcements going out to a listserv of 400+
- Partners helped to bolster our comms. reach

Newsletter
- Opted for semi-annual vs. monthly newsletter
- Email newsletters reaching ~230 members(+)
2018 Regional Conference

Connecting Communities and Ecosystems in Restoration Practice

- **October 11-13, 2018**, Southern CT State University, New Haven, CT
- **Co-Hosts**: SER-NE, SER-MA; and Connecticut Fund for the Environment / Save the Sound
- **Collaborators**: Common Ground High School; Urban Resources Initiative; and Southern Connecticut State University

Expanded Format

- **Thursday**: Local Field Trip and Keynote
- **Friday**: Plenaries, 3 Breakout Sessions, Lunchtime Discussion, SER-NE Awards, Panel Discussion, Poster Pub
- **Saturday**: Workshop and 3 Field Trips
2018 Regional Conference (con’t)

Expanded Attendance and Participation

• 225 conference participants
  ➢ >50 local attendees from New Haven
  ➢ 60 students
  ➢ 85 Field trip participants

• Attendees from 13 states and 2 countries

Increased Financial Support for Attendance

• 42 student grants
• 22 non-student grants
• Thanks to our many sponsors who helped make this possible!
Field Trips

Merrimack River Field Trip, May 2018
- Co-host: Merrimack River Watershed Association
- Riparian restoration projects along the river

Four field trips /workshops at the October conference, lots of partners
- Quinnipiac River and watershed restoration
- Urban Oasis restoration
- Workshop on dam removal
- Coastal resilience and restoration
- West River restoration

Stay tuned for field trips in summer and fall 2019!
Emerging Professionals Committee

2017-2018 Members
• Denise Burchsted, Robin MacEwan, Sara Wigginton, Derrick Alcott, Danielle Perry

2019 Members
• Denise Burchsted, Robin MacEwan, Derrick Alcott, and Alexandra Evans

Laderman Grant Award Recipients Presenting at 2018 SER-NE Conference
• 2017 recipients: Andrew Payne and Derrick Alcott
• 2015 recipient: Marlise Duguid
Emerging Professionals Committee (con’t)

Conference Awards
- Student travel awards
- Registration fee waivers
- Student presentation awards

Conference Lunch Discussion
- Great attendance
- Excellent conversations

2019 Laderman Grant Coming Soon!
- Check SER-NE website soon for announcement
Three Chapter Awards were given out at the 2018 Conference:

- **EXCELLENCE IN RESTORATION** —
  Alex Hackman, Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration

- **RESTORATION PROJECT** —
  Eel River Headwaters Restoration, Plymouth, Mass.

- **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT** — 2 AWARDEES
  Tim Simmons, Massachusetts NHESP (retired)
  John Banks, Penobscot Nation
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Board Structure Committee

Added a new seat to represent upstate NY
  • Upstate New York added to our region in August 2017

Board terms changing
  • Annual elections rotate 1/3 of the board
  • Previously: biannual elections replaced the entire group

Welcome new directors (2018 and 2019)!
  • New directors: Michael Chelminski, Stew Diemont, Alexandra Evans, Alex Hackman, Michael Leff, Danielle Perry, Tim Simmons, Doug Thompson
  • Much gratitude to directors who have served extensively and moved on: Joanna Carey, Mickey Marcus, Aisling O’Shea, Sara Wigginton, Sarah Watts
SER-I: CERP Program

- Certification for Ecological Restoration Practitioners

- Years 1 and 2: By the Numbers

CERP Program
By the Numbers
2017-2018

- 300 Applications for CERP and CERPIT
- 229 Approved CERPs
- 54 Approved CERPITs

86% Percentage of applicants who are members of the Society for Ecological Restoration

900+ Hours spent by reviewers

14 Countries represented by CERP and CERPIT applicants

Next application window: February 18th to April 19th
www.ser.org/certification

3+ Agencies/Organizations requiring CERPs in RFPs/RFQs
The NACC is comprised of representatives from each of the 11 Chapters in the US and Canada. These Chapters represent over 70% of SER members. Some of the primary tasks of the NACC are to get the NA Chapters working together on common goals, planning for biennial NA conferences (Quebec 2020), and serving to represent the interests of the NA Chapters to the SER Board.
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SER-NE Chapter Reps

SER-I: Québec RE³ – 2020 North American Conference

Michael Leff, Mike Toohill, Tom Touchet – SER-NE Chapter Reps

Collaborating Agencies:

• Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA)
• Society for Ecological Restoration (SER)
• Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS)

Theme: “From Reclaiming to Restoring and Rewilding”

Date: June 7-11, 2020

Website: www.re3-quebec2020.org

Location: Quebec City Convention Centre
CRC includes reps from all 13 SER Chapters in North America, Europe, and Australasia.

Periodic conference calls and online forum to share activities, achievements, challenges, problems, solutions.

Most recent agenda:

• Chapter & Section Updates
• Planning for SER Partnership Fund
• Business Member Recruitment and Individual Member Retention
SER-NE Chapter Financial Report

Treasury Balance
• $20,806.25 (as of 1/31/2019).
• Net increase of $6,690.38 compared to 2/1/2018
• Treasury is in good standing

Credits
• $34,055.00 total
• $31,845 (gross) / $6,460.98 (net) from 2018 Conference
• $2,210 in membership dues (down from $2,840 in 2017)

Expenditures
• $27,364.62 total
• Nearly all expenditures related to 2018 Conference

As Treasurer, I find that the financial condition of the Chapter is sound and that the Treasury balance continues to afford the Chapter the ability to invest in our mission “to foster the integration of science, planning, education, and regulation in restoration efforts in New England”. 
Looking forward to 2019…

• Board of Directors transition
• 2019 Aimlee Laderman student grants
• Regional field trips to restoration sites
• Continued work on Quebec 2020 conference
Thank you!

- Members of the SER-NE board and advisors, past and present
- Committee chairs
- All members of SER-NE