Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 11, 2011  
DRI, 755 E. Flamingo Rd., Las Vegas, NV  89119

Trustees Present:  
Dan Barnett, Chair  
Chuck Creigh, Co-Vice Chair  
John H.O. La Gatta, Treasurer  
Lawrie Lieberman, Co-Vice Chair and Secretary  
Mike Benjamin, Past Chair  
Connie Adair  
Marybel Batjer  
Gayle Crowell  
Tom E. Gallagher  
Bob Goff  
Joe Guild  
Peter Kovacs  
Al Massi  
Ian Rogoff  
Stephanie Tyler  
Steve Weber  
Stephen Wells  
Marlene Wheeler  
John Wojcik  
John Worthington

Fellows Present:  
Bruce James  
Amy Vernetti  
Troy Wade

Trustees Absent:  
Nazir Ansari  
Jeffrey Ceccarelli  
Kirk Clausen  
Kathy Hone  
Jim Kropid  
Robert Lewis  
Sandy Masters  
Kristin McMillan  
Ed Ricks

Guests and Staff Present:  
Linda Baldwin, Database & Gift Coordinator  
Greg Bortolin, Director of Communications & Government Affairs  
Dawn Coots, Events and Special Projects Coordinator  
Laura Edwards, Faculty Senate Chair  
Cecilia Gomez, Assistant Grant Writer  
Russ Kost, Vice President for Development  
Cleve McDaniel, SVP for Finance & Administration, COO  
Steve Salaber, Interim Assistant VP and Controller  
Terry Surles, Executive Vice President for Research  
Karen Severin, Executive Assistant for Development

Introductions and Welcome of Guests - Dan Barnett

Presentation by Dr. Lynn Fenstermaker, Associate Research Professor, Division of Earth & Ecosystems  
Remote Sensing – From Climate Effects to Microbes

Call to Order:  
Dan Barnett called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.; a quorum had convened. John La Gatta moved to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2010 Board meeting, Steve Wells seconded, and the Board unanimously:

Approved the minutes of the October 22, 2010 DRI Foundation Board of Trustees Meeting

Executive Committee – Dan Barnett  
Dan engaged Board members in two exercises to determine areas of focus for the Executive Retreat in May. Increasing awareness of DRI was identified as the number one priority. The Executive Committee will
take the top five ideas and determine which are achievable; which ones the Board can have an impact on; and what actions are needed to attain results.

**Development Committee – Chuck Creigh**
The Board broke into small groups to brainstorm on people, institutions or organizations, and/or connections that could take the DRI Foundation to the next level. The entire group then strategized on ways to make the connections happen. A sub-committee was formed to take current marketing materials and assemble an electronic “package” available on the web portal for Trustee use.

**Board Governance Committee – Lawrie Lieberman**
Trustees signed the annual Confidentiality and Conflict of Interest Agreements, and completed Self-Evaluations. The Board broke into three groups to compile a list of prospective Trustees for consideration. Eight new Trustees are needed to replace those whose terms expire this year.

**Treasurer’s Report – John H.O. La Gatta**
John presented the financial summary for the first seven months of FY2010. Marlene Wheeler moved to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Bob Goff seconded, and the Board unanimously:

*Accepted the Treasurer’s Report to the DRI Foundation Board on February 11, 2011*

**President’s Report – Dr. Stephen Wells**
Dr. Wells presented the revised DRI Nevada Medal nomination and selection process. The Selection Committee will contain two Trustees who are yet to be named. Dr. Wells then brought the Board up to date regarding the proposed State of Nevada and NSHE budget for 2011-13 and the impact it will have on DRI. A “Talking Points” handout was distributed for Trustees to use to speak to legislators on behalf of DRI.

**Board Professional Education**
Dr. Cleve McDaniel presented an update on DRI’s Direct Cost Model.

**New Business**
Announcement of upcoming Board meetings:
June 22, 2011: Teleconference to approve the budget
July 15, 2011: Incline Village
September 28-29, 2011: Reno, DRI Campus

**Public Comment**
None

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.