

**Council for Resource Development
Regional Restructuring Committee
“Strong Futures”
March 27, 2009**

- 1. Introductions and welcome:** The following members were present: Bill Easterly, Kris Culp, Matt Bunker, Josh Gertsman, Susan Arscott, Les Fout, Carol Hale, Shelly Conner
- 2. Review of restructuring process to date:** Shelly updated the committee members on the process to date regarding regional reorganization. This included a brief history, overview of the membership survey of 2007 (“Swanson report”) as it relates to regional strengthening and the strategic planning discussions at the 2007 Board summer meeting. She described the analysis of data regarding the current regional structure which resulted in the Board approval of reorganization into a seven-region structure. The proposed regional boundaries presented to the 2008 Board will be reviewed, revised and presented for final consideration by the 2009 Board. The proposed timeline is the 2009 summer meeting.
- 3. Open Discussion:** Matt and Carol expressed the perspective of the proposed boundaries as related to their respective states (Utah and Arizona). The committee acknowledged that these and other concerns must be considered in the coming months. The process for addressing input from the membership regarding the regional boundaries is critical. The concerns of individual members and states will be balanced with the global needs of CRD as a whole to create the best possible structure that takes into account many aspects of regional needs.
- 4. Subcommittees:** Two subcommittees were formed:
 - a. **Regional Boundaries/structure:** Chair - Kris. Members - Carol, Matt, and Les. This committee’s role is to consider the multiple issues and priorities for the regional boundaries, review relevant data, and develop recommendations for discussion by the committee. The goal is to present a recommendation to the 2009 Board for approval at the Summer meeting.
 - b. **Communications:** Chair – Shelly. Members - Susan, Matt, Josh and Bill. The committee’s role is to develop and implement a two-way communication plan through the regional directors and the membership at large. The communication plan will assure that accurate and timely information is provided and that there are opportunities for active, constructive input from the members. Matt agreed to serve as the liaison to the Regional Directors.
- 5. Other items:** Shelly is recruiting members from Regions 1, 3 and 7. She will keep Kathrine Swanson, VP for Membership, informed. Kathrine will be the committee’s liaison to the Executive Committee. Kathrine and Adrienne Price, VP for Regional Services, may join the meetings from time to time.
- 6. Next steps:** Shelly and Kris will develop the process for the Regional Boundaries subcommittee to begin its work. Shelly will be in contact with the Communications subcommittee to begin its planning.
- 7. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 16, 12:00 PST.**