Call to order (Nate) 5:03pm
Nate, Yvonne, Karla, Maki, Lizbeth, Katrina, Fiona

Elections (Nate)
- Ratify election results – everyone was confirmed in candidate positions.
- Swear in candidates
Nate: thanks to everyone that has agreed to stay on board.

News from SWS national (Nate)
- Organizational structure – Whitney Nomm is our new web/promotional contact
- Minutes from 5 March 2016 national board meeting – haven’t received yet. Nate not able to attend. Nate will fwd the minutes and rest of packet onward to board. Strategic Plan check in with board.
Yvonne: membership continues to grow (though not as large as prior to 2009), chapters active, standby to find out if any changes in the future for Alaska chapter.
Yvonne: next national meetings: Puerto Rico, Rocky Mtn area, then Canada.
Nate: Benefit of Puerto Rico is less expensive than some others for travel.
Yvonne will be at Corpus Christi this spring...no one else on board planning on attending.

Treasurer’s report (Yvonne/Karla)
Yvonne: We have settled all finances from last chapter meeting. We made about $26,000. Balance now probably around $20,000.

Secretaries’ report (Maki/Katrina)
Secretaries will continue to periodically add events to SWS national event calendar. Occasionally add web link to list serve emails to get members in the habit of checking the SWS event page.
National webinars: secretaries will send email reminders to chapter membership before each webinar, and add to events calendar.

2016 plans
- SWS-RM, scholarships, etc.
Nate: Plan to have a call with Andy from Colorado about their RM meeting. They have about 12 talks this year, about 150-200 attendees for their 1-day meeting.
Have not heard back yet from national on whether any PNW grant/scholarship applications were received this year, so assuming no one from our region applied.

- **2017**
  - Chapter meeting – never too soon to start planning for Spring 2017.
  - Nate: Received a couple emails from various hotels about hosting meetings. One sounded convenient along state line, for folks limited to in-state travel.
  - Yvonne: It was held at that Best Western in 2001 maybe. It’s a smaller venue, so may be limiting, but could work. Another potential location is Kelso. We have not used it in the past but convenient for Seattle and Portland people. Could do field trips along Columbia, Mt St Helens, not far from the coast, etc.
  - Nate: Any other locations we should consider excluding for future meetings for any reason?
  - Yvonne: Nothing comes to mind. Haven’t done anything on the coast in a while. Did Newport a while ago. Seaside could be a good option, has a conference center. Usually when meeting venue and hotel combined, we get a more attractive deal.
  - Nate: Prospects for combining 2017 with SER-NW?
  - Yvonne: They are set up through 2017. Will be outside of our region. Maybe we wait and try joint conference with SER in spring 2018 instead? Could build more robust program (5-day?) with 1-day workshop, 3-day program, 1-day field trips. Yvonne would be glad to talk with SER about it and see if they are interested. Then maybe have our membership vote on it.
  - Nate: Maybe we should do something like Rocky Mtn in 2017 with abbreviated, 1-day event.
  - Yvonne: Maybe Kelso would be good.
  - Nate: First step to come up with format and candidate pool (6-10 people), a couple panels.
  - Yvonne: Would be good to put something together for 2017, but not something that burns out the volunteers.
  - Nate will put out google form for board to add location ideas for 2017 (April?) meeting.
  - Then next step come up with format and candidate pool (6-10 people).
  - Karla: Will draft up budget for the 2017 meeting.
  - Nate: Rocky Mtn cost – 75-150 for one-day, including meals. Will send out Rocky Mtn meeting info to everyone for background info.