

Minutes of WGWA Board Meeting held January 14, 2010

Start time: 12:00 pm

Location: Conference Call

Attendees: Paula Richardson, Jim Drought, Aaron Schneider, Andrew Solberg, Katherine Grote, Lee Trotta, Mike Raimonde, Jim Bannantine, Lori Huntoon, Becky Caudill

Previous Meeting Minutes: not addressed.

The Treasurer's Report: Becky indicated that we have approximately \$2,000 in ready cash available; enough to cover the January session. Becky also indicated that the registration/renewal forms are on the website and will be sent out soon via email.

Upcoming Elections and Board Positions: The draft ballot has been sent and should be posted to website soon. Mike Raimonde indicated he was not sure off hand if there were any more board vacancies coming up but he would report back. There is still interest in having a student/university liaison on the board and there seems to be consensus that it should be someone fresh out of school. Paula suggested adding the position to the ballot. We will revisit the idea at the next meeting.

Newsletter: Jim has recruited Wayne Hutchinson to help out with the WGWA newsletter. Troy and Wayne are in the final stages of the latest newsletter. Anyone interested in contributing to Boyd's memoriam can send their contributions to Troy/Wayne.

July Seminar: The SE luncheon seminar event in July was a success and was very well attended. Take away: format/time frame appears to be conducive to professionals given the time constraints of the work day; maybe too much content in too little time.

Spring Conference: The spring conference is set to take place March 19, at the Marriott Milwaukee West. Jim has sent out a draft of the invite and is accepting critiques/suggestions.

Mike Raimonde has put together a tentative schedule and is also accepting abstracts (10 slots in the current schedule for presentations). So far several abstracts have been received but we need more to fill the time slots.

Jim indicated that he would like a PowerPoint file from the speakers in advance so that a handout of the presentations can be given out to attendees.

A reduced price for students was suggested; possibly \$20. Katherine will be bringing students to present in the poster session (possibly a few more without posters). There has been some interest in a sponsorship/scholarship program for students coming to the conference. Paula has already contacted Pace Analytical and On-Site Environmental. Katherine also suggested shortening/moving the poster session up a bit or having the students perform 2-5 minute presentation between abstract presentations. Could break things up a bit and might shorten up the day for those attendees not interested in staying late.

Jim/Mike/Paula/Becky will work on conference schedule and invite.

June 2010 Seminar: Katherine Grote is the tentative presenter for the June 2010 Luncheon Seminar event. The topic of the seminar would revolve around geophysics for environmental applications.

Fall Field Trip/Camping Event: Kallina Dunkle has been nominated to help coordinate the fall field trip which will take on a slightly different format this year. The field trip will be supplemented by a camping trip in the Northern Kettle Moraine and will include focused talk/stops in and around the Northern Kettle Moraine.

Social Media: Jim requested that Lee Trotta look into how WGWA could better utilize social media websites such as Facebook, Myspace, LinkedIn, Etc., to improve WGWA's visibility within the Water resources community.

NGWA Leadership Conference: Paula is tentatively planning to attend the NGWA 2010 Affiliate States Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. NGWA will reimburse travel expenses, up to \$1,000, to anyone designated by WGWA. Anyone interested in attending should contact Paula. Paula will report back on her experiences during the subsequent WGWA board meeting.

Next Board Meeting: WGWA Spring Conference, March 19, 2010

Adjourned 1:08 pm