

Monday, January 24, 2011, 1:45 PM

Conference Call Attendees: Paula Richardson, Anna Dahl, Becky Caudill, Aaron Schneider

1. Treasurer's report: We currently have approximately \$2,400 in the bank, and projection is that we should have enough to fund the annual meeting this year.

2. President-Elect/Secretary Status:

Aaron will consider president-elect position, Becky offered to continue as treasurer if Aaron would serve as pres-elect.

Paula to contact Kalina Dunkle about interest in serving as an officer

Becky to contact Mike Ramonde about interest in serving as an officer

3. At Large Board Member status and Term Periods:

Current at-large board members include Katherine Grote (2009 – 2011); Anna Dahl (2011 – 2013); and Lori Huntoon (2010 – 2012). The consensus from those attending the call was that Lori Huntoon has not participated in any calls, functions or activities associated with WGA in some time. When we have a quorum of voting officers (President, President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer), we will consider replacing Lori as an at-large board member with Paula Richardson, who is much more active in the Association. The three-year board terms are set so that we will need to replace a board member each year, hopefully stimulating more interest and creating opportunities for people to get involved.

Becky to contact Heidi Woeful regarding Membership responsibilities.

4. Annual Meeting Update and Action Items:

Meeting is scheduled for April 8. Call for Papers has been issued. Jim B. received a call from Kevin Lyons at Davis & Keulthau offering to present a talk on settling of Boston Store building. Aaron to contact Rich Meeusen as potential keynote speaker for the conference. Paula to contact Katherine Grote to inquire if she will be presenting, and if she will have students attending/presenting. Paula was also going to contact UWM about potential speakers/student attendees.

Jim B. to contact Jim D. to inquire if he would present, or have students attend, also whether he has contacts through Marquette.

5. Next Board Meeting Date:

Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 2, 6:30 PM at Thunder Bay Grille

6. Web Page Media Coordinator Position:

Group has decided to explore whether any of our membership would be interested in working on the web site and providing assistance with social networking and media for the

Association. Anna Dahl thinks we may be able to have this work done on a volunteer basis, thereby saving the association the cost of paying for this service (currently \$2,000/year). A board member could do this, but could not be paid (we want to avoid appearance of impropriety with a board member being paid for any service). We will advertise for this service in next newsletter.

7. Newsletter Update:

Jim B. to contact Lee about newsletter. We would like to issue a newsletter on or before mid-February. Items to be included:

Annual Meeting April 8 notice
Call for papers for annual meeting
Solicitations for president-elect, secretary and treasurer
Solicitations for at large board members for upcoming years
Solicitation for web/social network coordinator
Any other news items?

8. Water Council Dues Renewal

The invoice for dues renewal for the Water Council is \$500. The group felt that this was too large a sum of money for the return we get. Aaron to contact Water Council to inquire if any reduced membership fee could be negotiated. Otherwise, we will discontinue our membership in this association.

9. Leadership Conference Update

The NGWA Leadership conference is being held in conjunction with the 2011 Ground Water Expo, scheduled for November 29-December 2, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada. In the past this function was held in conjunction with the Legislative Fly-in in Washington DC, but apparently that is not the case this year. NGWA in the past has provided financial support, but that does not appear to be the case this year. We might be able to provide some financial support for an attendee this year, but our funds are limited, and the association generally felt that our funds would be better applied to the annual meeting and funding awards for student presenters. We will monitor this situation.