

WGWA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 1, 2005
Conference Call

Persons present: Dave Nemetz, Becky Caudill, Brian Hahn, Marilyn Weiss, Tom Riewe, and Boyd Possin

- I. Call to order about 5:35 pm.
- II. Last meeting minutes (August 16, 2004) - Minutes approved. Minutes posted on website.
- III. Treasurer's Report (Marilyn Weiss) – Account balance \$13,699.33 at the end of year. We've been hovering between \$13,000 & \$13,500. We broke even with last year. \$3500 spent on scholarships/donations. There is possible decline in the 2005 budget due to memberships declining. Dave asked if we typically set an annual budget. Marilyn stated no. She's placed the spending in an Access database for the last 3 years and she can develop a report to look at how money has been spent. Dave suggests we attach a budget to the Board meeting minutes.
- IV. Membership Report –
 - Renewals, only 15 people renewed so far this year. As of August 16, 2004, 270 members. Eight student members, 155 corporate members, and 107 individual memberships.
 - Dave will inquire into the MGWA membership numbers, what professions participate and at what level, he'll also look into their on-line capabilities
 - Boyd will send out corporate renewal notices again this year
 - Boyd suggested we set-up for taking a credit cards, NGWA may offer a benefit for this, easy setup

Business

- Boyd will look into NGWA if they will allow multiple state affiliates
- Need to continue the WGWA notes
- Education Committee – Brian Hahn - followed up on organizing the 2005 conference, called universities to find the best time to hold the conference to avoid finals. Last years was held the 1st or 2nd week of May. Suggestions for mid to late April after spring breaks and earlier than finals. No retention of students from the conferences for memberships.
- Newsletter – Lee Trotta not available for call. Current issue (winter, 1st issue) done except for Presidents page and board meeting minutes. Looks good & should go out in February. Do we want a year-end bookkeeping, yes we may include it in minutes or where it fits.
 - Fall field trip – Worked well and nice weather (Joint trip with MN). Expenses matched income.
- Officer Positions Opening
 - President Elect - Brian unsure of committing due to time constraints (responsibilities for the 1st year typical to organize the technical conference and the Fall field trip) next year serving as president, following year to serve as past-president (like a board member - non-voting) – In the end he agreed to run as long as have significant help with conference
 - Secretary - Janis has agreed to run again
 - At Large Board Members (non-voting board member) - Tom's Membership is up, need replacement for Tom '02-'04, Brian '03-'05, Becky '04-'06
- Conference - Suggestion of Bruce Brown (WGNHS) gave talk at WI Water Well Association on developing maps for arsenic spell well casing depths
 - AWRA unwilling to partner for a conference again, president this year Michael Penn

- WI Well Water Association already had their winter conference

- Web Site - fix links, put terms on board members, remove members only link, update past events (only listed through 2002).
- WGWA Notes - Becky Caudill to issue e-mails this year, Marilyn is the keeper of e-mail addresses
- Area Coordinators - suggested having the coordinator setup breakfasts with the main focus an informal setting for discussions
Southeast - OPEN, Scott resigned & Judy previously resigned
Western - OPEN
Northeast - OPEN
- Wisconsin Groundwater Festival - \$2,500 donation
- Election - Boyd to put together a ballot for a WGWA note for elections
- Groundwater Guardian (GG) – Lee resigned from heading this. Let this go dormant for now.
- WGWA Spring conference – Tentative date of April 29
Dells location likely. Board agreed to provide more of a team effort to plan conference, with Brian Hahn taking the overall lead. Will have another phone conference to lay ground work in two weeks.
- Annex 2001 - Is Kathy going and are we willing to support part of the trip. Last year WGWA supported travel up to \$500.
- Straddling the Divide - Becky Caudill will write summary for WGWA notes.
- Fall Field Trip - Think about ideas for locations
- Association with NGWA - give members additional access? Will look into questions on benefits
- Boyd moved to commend Tom Riewe for 3-years of valuable service

V. Dave motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:10 p.m., Marilyn seconded motion.