

WGWA Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 17, 2005
Conference Call

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

- I. Call to order about 5:15 pm.
- II. Last meeting minutes (February 1, 2005) - Minutes accepted. Minutes are posted on website.
- III. Treasurer's Report – Account balance \$11,860 as of May 17, 2005. Spring Conference costs in hole by \$488.81. Possibly raise registration fee for conference next year. About 15 registrations short for 2005 conference. Gave \$3000 to Groundwater Festival this year.
- IV. Membership Report – As of May 2005, two student members, 143 corporate members and 61 individual memberships. Need to reverse trend in losing members. Appears to be downsizing in industry impact on membership. Marilyn does not have time to actively do membership recruiting along with the treasurer responsibilities. No one currently actively recruiting members. Need membership drive? Check with other organizations to find out if they are having membership decline. MN conference big draw for MGWA. Anyone who attends the conference signs up for membership. Discussed how MGWA does their conference and membership. There is no active AWRA in MS so most members belong to MGWA. Look at increasing membership by broadening horizons to all water resources professionals. Discussed AWRA – function is to have one conference/year, \$2 membership fee. Dave to get list of AWRA board members. Recruit someone to head up membership drive. Get an early jump on WGWA spring conference for 2006.
- V. Old Business
 - Education Committee – Brian Hahn reported committee defunct. Has not had time to pursue with his role as president-elect. Need someone to take over committee.
 - Newsletter –New newsletter completed. Will be on website soon. WGWA note to be sent out to notify when newsletter is posted. Ads for news letter – rates discussed. Currently have only one advertiser for newsletter paid for whole year.
 - Board member status – Two open board member positions. Will need a candidate for treasurer for 2006. Dave will make calls to look for candidate.
 - SE coordinator Mike Raimonde.
 - WGWA Spring conference – Kudos to Brian for a great conference. Good Speakers. Suggestion for improvement – have speakers email presentation ahead of time so they can be loaded on PC prior to conference. Had problems with memory sticks and CDs.
 - Fall field trip – Consider dates and location. Do we want a joint field trip? Potential areas – SW Wisconsin. Dave to do some follow up on options.
- VI. New Business

Discussed North central area meeting room fee. Is WGWA willing to pay the fee if they do not get enough attendees for meeting? Marilyn made motion to pay room fee, Dave seconded.

Dave motioned to adjourn meeting at 6:30 p.m., Marilyn seconded motion.