

Minutes of WGWA Board Meeting held October 14, 2009

Start time: 12:00 pm

Location: Conference Call

Attendees: Paula Richardson, Jim Drought, Aaron Schneider, Corey Pagels, Andrew Solberg,

Previous Meeting Minutes: not addressed.

The Treasurer's Report: was unavailable.

Board Meetings: Paula indicated that we currently have three conference call IDs for board meetings and that having three has been cause for some confusion when setting up conference calls. She suggested that we go down to just one ID for future meetings. The board agreed.

Fall Field Trip: Paula indicated that overall the Fall Field Trip was a success. The treasurer's report was not available but Paula assumed a loss in part due to the bus size and low attendance. There is interest in trying something a little different next year, a WGWA camping trip in the Northern Kettle Moraine (suggested by Kallina Dunkle), which we hope to persuade Dr. John Isbell and Dr. Tom Hooyer (UWM) to lead at least part of.

Spring Conference – The spring conference is set to take place March 19th at the Marriott Milwaukee West in Pewaukee. It will not coincide with the AWRA conference after unfavorable results last year. It was agreed that that the conference would be a whole day event to make it more worthwhile for those traveling from out of town. Other suggestions for the Spring Conference included holding the poster session during lunch, providing the career roundtable in the evening, having the keynote speaker before the career roundtable.

It was proposed that we reward all student posters and highlight that in the call for papers. Jim indicated that possible speakers would be Kallina Dunkle (a PhD student at UW and past presenter at WGWA meetings) on groundwater resources, and/or Nick Vreeland (a master's student at Iowa State) on his drumlins thesis work. The option to provide a catered lunch and snack items for the dinner was generally favored. Paula indicated that a Conference planning call will take place in the next week or so (date TBD) to get some big picture items solidified (theme, dinner or no dinner, general program, etc.). More information and direction will be available after that time.

Paula has sent out a task list and call for volunteers for the spring conference and other miscellaneous WGWA events.

Other ideas proposed by Mike Raimonde for the spring conference include:

Meeting Theme: Ground water resources and applied ground-water science in Wisconsin

Meeting Agenda:

1. Morning – Ground water resources
 - a. Sustainable ground water management
 - b. Hydrogeologic characterization
 - c. Wisconsin ground water regimes
 - d. Hydrostratigraphic modeling
 - e. Artificial recharge
 - f. Climate change hydrogeology
2. Afternoon – Applied ground water science
 - a. Isotopes in ground water
 - b. Migration and assessment of non-aqueous phase liquids
 - c. Construction dewatering
 - d. 1,4 – dioxane in ground water
 - e. Endocrine disrupters in ground water
 - f. The future for ground water scientists
3. Evening – Career roundtable

SE Regional Meeting: The meeting is set to take place November 12 at the Reinhart Conference Center in Waukesha. The lecture will be led by M. Theresa Evanson (WDNR) and Ms. Laurie Parsons (Natural Resource Technology) and will focus on the "Wisconsin Closure Protocol Study." About 20 people registered so far and will be sent out in early November. We decided that our January meeting (date TBD) will center on the Milwaukee 7 Water Council, what they are doing, who they are, how they relate to WGWA and what our groups can do for each other. We would like to get that invite out on or before the Nov. 12 meeting.

Newsletter/Web Page: It was agreed that progress has been made on the layout and content of the web page. However, the newsletter is still lacking. Troy and Wayne will continue to collaborate on the Newsletter and will brainstorm a bit on potential regular contributors. It was agreed that aside from keeping the web page current and possibly using the web page as a place to gather WGWA correspondence (letters, emails, etc.), the web page will stay as is. Paula suggested having templates put together for correspondence (letters, emails, etc.) for continuity in future years/presidents. Paula will be sending the Water Council updates to Aaron, who will determine whether he will send them on to the SE group.

Potential WGWA Events: A WGWA camping trip in the Northern Kettle Moraine was suggested Kallina Dunkle. Will try to persuade Dr. John Isbell and Dr. Tom Hooyer (UWM) to lead at least part of it. Lori Huntoon has suggested a WGWA bike ride. Paula will inquire if Lori would like to spearhead that event. A WGWA beer cruise/brewery tour was also suggested. Jim also suggested trying a WGWA social get-together again.

Student Liaison: Jim Drought suggested creating a new position within WGWA, a student liaison or student representative position. There seems to be interest in having the WGWA board nominate the liaison. Katherine indicated that it may be favorable for the liaison to be employed in industry as opposed to a graduate student, as this would be more helpful for undergraduates in WGWA and could also provide a little more continuity in the organization and in contacts with universities.

Next Board Meeting: TBD

Adjourned 1:05 pm