WSGA Board Meeting-
Wednesday, October 22, 2003
Conference Call

Persons present: Margy Blanchard, Boyd Possin, Marilyn Weiss (left at 7:30 p.m.), Tom Riewe, Janis Kesey, Lee Trotta (left at 7:00 p.m.), Dave Nemetz, Becky Caudill, Joan Viney (left at 6:50 p.m.), Kathy Reid (joined at 7:10 p.m.) (via phone)

I. Call to order about 6:30 pm.

II. Last meeting minutes (July 3, 2003)- Minutes approved. Minutes are posted on website.

III. Treasurer’s Report – Account currently $15,595.38. $3565 spent on schools/donations. $7235 received in membership dues this year.

IV. Membership Report – As of October 22, 2003 - 327 paid members. Eleven student members. Sixty-three new members. Corporate members – 180. There were a number of corporate memberships that dropped.

V. Website – discussion on member only section. Password protection removal. Discussion on need for password. Boyd motioned to eliminate password, rename member only section to newsletter section and additional section for Board meeting notes. Marilyn seconded the motion. Plan to monitor what happens to the membership with website change.

VI. Reports from Lee Trotta:

   Newsletter status – currently have more articles for this edition than needed. Targeting a mid-November publication.
   Groundwater Festival – Set date of April 23, 2004 at Waukesha County Expo Center. Both indoor and outdoor space available. Smaller group of planners than last year – WGA, Pier WI Group and UW-Waukesha. Need to start soliciting contributions and fund raising. Last year WGA contributed $2000 to the festival and an additional $315 to pay for the bus for a school in Madison. WGA will consider contributing for 2004. Would like to have WGWA members participate at the event.
   GG Committee – Meetings on the third Thursday of the month. Group consists of Lee, Janis, John Janssen and Doug Cherkauer. Planning of GW festival – beyond money the festival needs WGWA volunteers to participate in activities.

VII. Old Business

   • Education Committee – Brian Hahn was not available to provide an update.
   • “Where the Waters Meet” – April 2004 (April 15) conference planning moving forward. Need to find an example person or organization to demonstrate citizen (non-professional) involvement in groundwater issue. Boyd to send a WGWA note seeking a person or organization.
   • WGWA conference – April 16, 2004 Holiday Inn, Green Bay. Need to send out a call for papers. Would like original papers from students as well.
   • 2004 Officer Elections – Dave Nemetz has agreed to run for president-elect. Marilyn Weiss has agreed to run for treasurer again. Dave will need to provide a paragraph of introduction for himself. Ballots to go out late November via email or hard copy if no email address. Ballots due back December 19, 2003.
   • Becky Caudill – at large board member to fill slot to be vacated as of January 1, 2004. Marilyn made motion to approve Becky. Boyd seconded.

VIII. Kathy Ried gave a report on her trip to the University of Toronto, to attend on behalf of WGWA Great Lakes Basin Workshop. Excellent workshop regarding managing of groundwater with in
the Great Lakes Basin. How to handle future request for groundwater within the Great Lakes Basin. Participants included US and Canadian advisory group. Approximately 30 participants. Twenty-four observers from invited organizations. Kathy will have an article in the newsletter summarizing the workshop.


X. Meeting adjourned about 7:45 p.m.