

Florida Section, American Water Resources Association
DRAFT Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2013
GRU Headquarters
Gainesville, Florida

Highlighted items are “TO DO”

I. Call to Order – **Carol Hinton**

- a. Roll call by sign in sheet.
- b. Welcome and introduction of Board members & Guests
- c. Meeting summary assignments
 - i. BOD Minutes and Attendance – **Kristin Bennett**
 - ii. Technical Program Documentation – **Catherine Walker**
- d. Revisions to Agenda - none
- e. Planning calendar items due before next meeting

Directory to Printer- Need date (Joanne)

Tax Returns - Due in May. (Gary)

Items due for April Watershed-4/1/13 – NOTE: this is a quick turn-around time. Since the May meeting is early in the month, the newsletter has to be out quickly.

Applications for Richard Herbert scholarship-4/22/13 – need to encourage Florida students to apply. **Kristin** will send email message to students. **Student liaisons** should reach out to their respective schools.

Education awards application due-5/1/13 – **All Board members** need to promote the scholarships, awards and grants.

Outstanding State Section application due 5/3/13 - DelCharco

Bi-monthly reports due to President for May consent agenda-5/3/13

Nomination for national awards due 5/3/13 – **all board members**

II. Reports

- a. Presentation of January Minutes – **Kristin Bennett (consent agenda)**
- b. Presentation of Treasurer Report – **Gary Howalt (consent agenda)**
 - i. Move to accept Kristin. Gary second. Unanimous approval.
- c. Committees – **Bold** Items are Scheduled for Discussion, Others as Needed

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i. Education –Rosanne Clementi / Kristin Bennett

1. Discussion held on Di Tran (UF) funding attendance at the summer specialty conference. The Board agreed to fund at 75% with encouragement to look for other sources of funding.
2. The education committee recommended, and the BOD agreed, to provide \$70 to support a student membership function for FIU
3. **Silent Auction in Cocoa Beach – need donations**
4. Ron will send high school info to January meeting attendees.
5. Discussion held about whether the AWRA recognizes high school chapters (update: none to date).

ii. Electronic Records – Krista Sabin – no report

iii. Membership - Joanne Chamberlain – no report

iv. Newsletter – submittal deadline is April 1

v. Teller – Garrett Wallace – no report

vi. PDH Credits – Shayne Wood

1. Sign in sheet available at this meeting.
2. PE credits still current.

vii. Student Support

1. FIU –Deborah Tyson -
2. FGCU – Don Duke & Ron Edenfield
3. USF – Gregg Jones
4. UNF – Gary Howalt & Shayne Wood
5. UF – Michael DelCharco & Carol Hinton
6. UCF – Catherine Walker – attended a meeting to discuss springs. 25-30 attendees. Several students will attend the G’ville meeting. The chapter has hosted speakers, scheduled field trips and is encouraging participation for Engineers without Borders run in April. The students discussed the history of student the chapter. At one time there was a story circulating that undergrad students could not be members. Catherine clarified this was not the case. She brought to the Board’s attention in case other student chapters are under the same false impression.

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viii. **Watershed Journal – Shayne Wood**

1. Potential request for \$300
2. **Need to update the webpage with current publication (Kristin)**

ix. **Social Media -Mike DelCharco**

1. Facebook and LinkedIn– need people to join. There are still two listings: AWRA Florida and AWRA Florida Section – **need to clarify (Michael).**
 2. Discussion held on approach to accepting people to join LinkedIn and types of messages to allow. The Board agreed that straight up marketing should not be allowed. The committee has discretion to accept messages and members.
- x. National News – 2 meetings in Hartford (1) Flows and (2) Forests. Spring specialty in St. Louis – Agricultural hydrology and water quality.

d. Meetings

i. Future Meetings:

1. March 19th Gainesville-Mark Diblin - 60 attendees. Today is World Water Day. International year of water cooperation.
2. **May 10th Sebring Area-Walt Reigner/Bob and Carol Howard** – Connie and Stephanie are working on it. Carol has logistics. Director of Highlands county soil and district and Blake Guillory will speak. **Garrett** will notify Carol of newsletter deadline April 1st. Catherine will not be able to attend. **We need a volunteer to do the technical and minutes**
3. June 27-28th - Carol Hinton
 - a. ED speakers – Melissa and Blake confirmed.
 - b. Need a CUPCon speaker
 - c. **Format change: Thursday afternoon meeting, Thursday evening banquet Friday morning meeting and possible field trip/ecotour. Garrett and Kristin to follow up with Matt Raffenburg for an FPL tour. We will consider a Friday night reception if there is a demand.**
 - d. **Consider Troy Rice as a speaker about the IRL (Catherine and Kellie Clark (Kimley Horn) to contact Troy and Kelli may also have suggestions for ecotour information).**

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4. September 20, 2013-Cathy Vogel – Whitney Lab. Hybrid meeting with technical presentations and walk around tour of the lab area. Looking at a community service project also.
 5. November 15 - Gregg Jones and Ed Call “Springs Coast.”
 - ii. January meeting update: 156 attendees. 80 students. 23 posters including high school submittals. Donated \$1,900 in sponsorships. Financial issues still being addressed and sponsors are still being sought to cover costs.
- III. Unfinished Business
- a. Strategic Plan – Carol Hinton
 - i. Carol sent SP with updates as discussed at the January meeting.
 1. We need to make an effort to continue our outreach to guests and new members
 - b. **Status of Website Transition to Wild Apricot** – Joanne Chamberlain - No report.
 - i. Discussion held on the importance of getting the new site operating so we do not have to pay another year at Forte and Wild Apricot.
- IV. New Business
- i. Appoint nominating committee (Ron Edenfield and Michael DelCharco)
 - ii. Consider getting nominations from the floor and in the newsletter at the May meeting so we can be prepared with a slate at the June meeting.
 - iii. Gary transitions out as treasurer at the end of 2013. **Need to have a nomination as treasurer.**
- b. Discuss Sandy Young investment strategy
 - i. CD rolls over in August.
 - ii. **Shayne and Gary and Walt will look into other options. To report back in May with a decision in June**
- V. \$10k in reserves in a CD. 6 month roll over.
- VI. BOD Comments
- VII. Member & Guest Comments
- VIII. Adjourn – 11:10