August 10, 2017 AWRA Florida Section Board Meeting DRAFT Minutes

The Agenda for the August 10-11 meeting looks good. Thanks to Garrett and Kristin for revising the agenda at the last minute to deal with some cancellations. The attendance list for the August Board meeting are included as the last page of this document.

Minutes. The minutes for the May meeting were OK to all, and the minutes were approved.

National news: The National AWRA organization has donated six complimentary student registrations. Four students from Florida are attending. The remaining registrations are being given to Mike Campana, who has been very helpful to the Florida Section. Don Duke mentioned that AWRA has been providing free Webinars on a variety of topics, and the webinars have been informative.

Treasurer: Sandy Young (Allen & Co.) - $69,561, BOA (CD) - $11,029, BOA Checking - $31,399, PayPal Transfer to BOA checking - $7,083, Recent Checks for Student Awards/Scholarships - $9,000

Education: J.B. Butler Science grant awards ($500 each) are recommend to:

- Jessica Arnold, James A. Long Elementary School, Putnam County to build a vivarium
- Megan Baker at the Jacksonville Museum of Science and History
- Anne-Marie Davis, Oasis Elementary School for supplies,
- Chris Rusnak, Nature’s Classroom, Thonotosassa
- Somer Sutton, University High School, Orlando for an eutrophication experiment

Buddy & Laura Blain High School Scholarship awards are recommended to:

- Alexis Preiss at Windermere Preparatory School in Windermere who will use the money to attend college. Her interest is biology. The grant amount is $1000
- James Bible, Sebring High School who will use the money to attend college. His interest is agricultural engineering. The grant amount is $500

William V. Storch student awards ($1500 each) are recommended to:

- Quinn Zacharias at FSU, who is an environmental engineering student
- Samantha Dowdell at U of Miami, who is getting a M.S. in Marine Affairs & Policy

The Sanford N. Young scholarship ($2000) is recommended to go to Carrie Schuman at UF, who is an Ecology PhD candidate.

The Board approved the Education Committee’s recommendations. Thanks to Christine Senna, Kristin Bennett, Gordon Brown, Kellie Clarke, Rosanne Clementi, Mark Diblin, Don Duke, and Amelia Fontaine for their work in reviewing applications.

Newsletter: It was decided to transition from an e-mailed Newsletter to posting the information on our web site in a condensed format. The Board position in charge of the Newsletter will need to be modified and formalized. The person will feed information to the web site.


PDH Credits: PDH form is printed out and at the sign-in table, so we are all set up.
**Future Meetings:** West Palm Beach is set up and is ready to go. Agenda is looking good. November 17: Stetson University: Ray Scott is putting that together with assistance from The Balmoral Group.

**Next Year:** The February meeting is in Fort Myers on Feb 2. Kellie is managing this meeting and will get assistance from Ron Edenfield. March will be in Palatka, and Mark Diblin is taking charge of this meeting with assistance from Dave Watt. May will be in St Pete/Dundein or Bowling Green, maybe Steamsong. July or August will be back in Key Largo on Aug 2 and 3 or 16 and 17. Luna Phillips is heading up the planning effort, and Key West is also being considered. September may be in the Lake Okeechobee area with Sam Palermo acting as organizer. November will be in either Tallahassee or Live Oak or Wakulla Springs State Park. Camp Weed or SRWMD are possible locations.

**Unfinished Business:** Dave Watt and Roger will place a limited order for polo shirts and hopefully be able to promote them in upcoming meetings.

**New Business:** New board member nominations were solicited. More work on this will proceed in the next month or so.
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