

September 29, 2017 AWRA Florida Section Board Meeting Final Minutes

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

National news: Jeremy and Ray Scott are attending the Portland meeting. Four students from Florida are attending and 4 students will receive complimentary student registration (\$250 value) and will be reimbursed one hotel night at the conference hotel rate (\$180). The remaining two complimentary student registrations were sent to Michael Campana as previously approved by the Board).

Treasurer: Sandy Young (Allen & Co.) – about \$70,000, BOA (CD) – about \$11,000, BOA Checking - \$36K, The transfer of money to the Allan and Company account will take place this coming week. All meetings have been financially successful, with attendance more than 70 participants at all meetings.

Education: Kristin is working on modifying the student travel policy and will be bringing it to the board in a future meeting. Recipients of the education grants have been notified and some checks have been sent. A few checks need to be re-sent. Additional matters discussed include:

- 2018 – President’s (Jeremy) goal of not just waiting for students to come to us.
- There will be some changes to the applications to help get us the information we want – such as where specifically they heard about us rather than just “neighbor”.
- Potential Sponsorship of the 2018 University of Florida Water Institute Symposium being held Feb. 6-7, 2018 – potential to sponsor, there is a poster contest. Talked about the Fort Myers meeting being close to this meeting and potential conflict. It was decided that there was no conflict between funding these events. Motion approved to sponsor a student at \$500 and the poster contest at \$1000 for the 2018 University of Florida Water Institute Symposium.

Web Site: There will be training for updating the web site (e.g. President’s message and education committee). Everyone stated that the web site looks great and that being able to pay on-line is great.

Membership: Information will be sent out in the next week. Question from Ray – FDACs members need to be open public information. To get reimbursed for the membership fee something would need to be signed that our membership is open to the public. Decided that we don’t manage to exceptions. Ray will send out the policy documents so board members can review.

PDH Credits: PDH credits are available for the meeting. The form will be available at the registration table.

Future Meetings: November 17: Stetson University: Program is close to final. Clay Henderson of Stetson University is going to talk about the institute as part of the welcome. The Board meeting will be on Thursday night. Oldest shell mound field trip – Friday morning. Networking Friday night. Discussed cost of the meeting and across all of our meetings. It was decided to set \$50 for the meeting for members and \$10 or \$15 for field trip rather than changing the cost of the meeting to \$35 when all the rest of our meetings are \$50 or more.

Next Year: The discussion is summarized below:

1. February 2, 2018 – Fort Myers – Kellie Clark
 - a. The meeting will be at Pelican Preserve on Friday Feb 2.

- b. We will be sending out list of presentations. If anyone has ideas for speakers, please let Kellie know.
 - c. The theme was planned to be policy/funding related, but it will now include local speakers regarding the flooding that has occurred with Irma.
 - d. Signing authority for meeting arrangements has been handled on an ad-hoc basis, and there is no policy. The bylaws are silent on who can sign. Bylaws do provide that individual board members will not be responsible for the debts of the association.
2. March – Palatka – Mark Diblin/David Watt
 3. May – St. Petersburg/Dunedin/Bowling Green?? – TBD
 - a. We are looking for someone to lead this. Allison Lewis is happy to help on this.
 4. July – Key Largo/Key West – Luna Phillips
 - a. Targeting August 2-3.
 - b. There was board discussion on the merits of Key Largo vs. Key West.
 - c. The Monroe County building is secured in both locations.
 - d. Hotels will be similar in either location (see information handed out with agenda).
 - e. The question is if we want to go to Key West.
 - f. May be able to fund the Water Management District Directors to help get them to Key West.
 - g. SRWMD and SWFWMD are both okay with either location. SFWMD will defer to the other WMDs. We have not heard back from SJRWMD.
 - h. FDEP representation – they are okay with either location.
 - i. Also looked at Hawk’s Cay, which is not a viable option.
 - j. We could have a lot of government entities (ACOE, NOAA, Mote Marine, National Keys Marine Sanctuary, Monroe County) especially in light of the hurricane.
 - k. We can look more at parking and driving differences, etc. if needed.
 - l. A potential service oriented activity is being considered. We can think about it more and get a decision by the November board meeting.
 5. September – Lake Okeechobee area – Sam Palermo
 6. November – Tallahassee/Live Oak/Wakulla Springs State Park?? – TBD
 - a. We are looking for someone to lead this.

Unfinished Business: 2018 Board of Directors Nominations were presented by Kristin Bennett. Details:

- 8 nominations received for the board.
- Only 4 openings on the board.
- The Nominating Committee has recommended 4 people for the board (Karen Miller, Christine Senne, Amelia Fontaine, and Sandra Fox). The Board approved these nominations.

New Business: Sam Palermo will lead the sponsorship committee, which was approved by the Board.

Board Member Responsibilities: Jeremy McBryan lead a discussion on how to increase AWRA Florida’s impact in 2018. Increasing AWRA Florida’s impact in 2018 is the focus. Each Board member should pick something that you are good at to do. This will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

Board of Directors Comments: Bylaws are on the web site. Board members should look at our governing policies.

Members and/or Guest Comments: There were no guest comments.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET
September 29, 2017
West Palm Beach City Hall, West Palm Beach, Florida

Last Name	First Name	Signature
Bennett	Kristin	<i>Kristin Bennett</i>
Chatham	Alex	<i>Alex Chatham</i>
Clark	Kellie	<i>Kellie Clark</i>
Copp	Roger	
Creech	Richard	
Diblin	Mark	<i>Mark Diblin</i>
Duke	Don	
Howalt	Gary	<i>Gary Howalt</i>
Jones	Gregg	
Katsikis	Catherine	
Lewis	Allison	<i>Allison Lewis</i>
McBryan	Jeremy	<i>J. McBryan</i>
Palermo	Sam	<i>Sam Palermo</i>
Phillips	Luna	<i>Luna Phillips</i>
Reigner	Walt	
Scott	Ray	<i>Ray Scott</i>
Smith	Randy	
Wallace	Garrett	
Wood	Shayne	

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