

August 2, 2018 AWRA Florida Section Board Meeting Minutes, Murray Nelson Government Center, Key Largo, FL

Attendance: see August 2 sign-in sheet on last page.

Minutes. The minutes for the May 2018 meeting were approved.

National news: Ken Reid provided an update and thanked the Board for the invitation to the meeting. The Baltimore Annual AWRA conference is in good shape with a record number of abstracts submitted. Ken encouraged all to consider attending. Don Duke stated that there is a Water Allocation White Paper being drafted by the Policy Committee. Anyone interested in participating in this White Paper should contact the Policy Committee.

Ken Reid mentioned that he has been contacted by a person who is looking into the finances of non-profits, and we should let Jeremy McBryan know if anyone asks for financial information regarding our organization.

Treasurer: Kellie Clark presented a summary of financial issues. The annual budget for income was \$68K, and we have received \$63K so far. Expenses are much less than the budgeted expenses since the cost for the August meeting have not been received yet. We made \$7.5K for the Palatka meeting and \$6K for the Brooksville meeting. \$10,000 was transferred to the Sandy Young Account. Taxes have been submitted for 2017.

Education: Applications have been reviewed and a recommendation was made by the Education Committee to award the \$2,000 Sandy Young Award to Miles Medina of UF, \$1,500 Storch Graduate awards to Kristin Briggs of FIU and Kevin Henson of UF. The \$1,500 Storch Undergraduate awards will go to Yilanis Rodriguez and Luke Westlake of FGCU. The \$1,000 Blain High School Scholarship will go to Kelsey Campanelli of SW FL Christian Academy. Seven \$500 J.B. Butler Science grants were awarded pending approval to award 7 rather than 6 awards. A motion was made to approve the Committee recommendations and also to award 7 rather than 6 Science Grants.

We have six National Conference free registrations courtesy of AWRA National. Two will likely go to Oxbridge, and four are available for college students. E-mails have been sent out to potential students.

FGCU has a Student Chapter outing on a Kayaking Trip.

Web Site: Sandra Fox and Karen Miller have offered to take over some of the web responsibilities from Jeremy McBryan.

Membership: We have 280 members as of this point. We will have a Networking event in Fort Myers on August 9, and one is being planned for Tampa by Allison Lewis.

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

Future Meetings:

1. September – Lake Okeechobee area on the 28th – Sam Palermo with assistance from Kristin Bennett, Christine Senne, and Alex Chatham. Gary Ritter is helping and they have secured the Okeechobee KOA for the meeting. An airboat ride is being considered. There will be a water

use panel, dispersed water panel, and a NRCS wetland restoration project. Hydrologic restoration of Dinner Island and J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Areas is also on the agenda. The Board meeting will be Friday AM. There are cabins at the KOA and there is a Holiday Inn Express nearby.

2. November – Tallahassee on the 30th – Christine Senne has secured Florida State College of Law as a location for this meeting. The Environmental Land Use Section of the Florida Bar wants to co-sponsor and put together a panel. Florida Association of Environmental Professionals are also interested in co-sponsoring.

Meetings in 2019

1. Fort Myers, January 25. The meeting will be at FGCU, and 11 speakers are lined up. A letter needs to be sent to the Committee outlining the objectives of AWRA and a request to have balanced presentations. A suggestion was made to work with Ron Edenfield to make sure that there are no issues

Action Item: Send a letter to the organizing committee to make sure that presentations are balanced.

2. March, 2019: Sanford, Lake Monroe, Government facility? Mark Diblin is looking into it.
3. May: Potentially a mining focus. Streamsong near Bartow or Nutrien near Lake City?
4. August: Key West this year. David Still may be able to help. Carol Howard and Luna may lead organizing. Will organize reunion of retired members with a senior professional bringing a young protege.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Annual Sponsorship policy is on the web now. AECOM and Hansen are considering annual sponsorships.

New Business: We need to develop a policy in a future meeting regarding video recording of meeting presentations. **ACTION ITEM:** Develop a policy

Board Member Responsibilities: Mark Diblin is going to lead the nominating committee for new Board members. Gregg Jones and Kristin Bennett will not be on the board next year.

Board of Directors Comments: No comments were offered.

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

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	Board	Guest
Kristen Bennett	X	
JEREMY McRYAN	X	
Roger Corp	X	
Saul Palermo	X	
Allison Lewis	X	
Stefano Barchiesi		X
Marco Pazmino		X
WALT REIGNER	X	
Don Duke	X	
Catherine Katsikis	X	
Randy Smully	X	
Sandra Fox	X	
Christine Senne	X	
Karen Miller	X	
Kellie Clark	X	
Mark Doblin	X	
Ryan Taylor		X
GARY HOWALT		X
Ken Reid		X
CAROL Hinton		X
Hector Herrera		X
Ron Hamel		X