



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (Approved)

May 17, 2019 9:30 a.m.

Streamsong Resort

1000 Streamsong Drive – Bowling Green, Florida 33834

Meeting start was delayed due to technical difficulties

Attendance: See May 17th sign-in sheet on last page.

Minutes: The minutes for the March 29th meeting were approved.

Education: Gordon discussed the status of the review of the Sandy Young scholarship applications. Down to two finalist and will review with the committee one last time before choosing the winner. Prioritizing the Sandy Young winner so they can attend the Key West event. Discussed student travel for the Key West event. Student interest in this event is high and there are concerns it could consume the remaining student travel budget. Four universities have shown interest in attending the event. 16 -18 students. Discussed funding 1 hotel room per university. Board approved using the remaining student travel budget (\$2500) for the Key West event. Motion was made to transfer \$1500 to the student travel budget to cover student travel expenses for the remaining events in 2019. Motion passed.

National News: Dresden Farrand, executive Vice President of AWRA National called in to give national news update. Dresden discussed her focus for her first year. Listening campaign. She will conduct a series of SWOT analysis. Looking at a new business model and adjusting to new technology. She discussed her background. She asked for AWRA Florida's support for the 2020 AWRA National Meeting. Meeting location is tentatively set for Orlando, Florida in November. Dresden stated she was open to discussing other Florida locations. Jeremy discussed that if the event will be in November that we may need cancel our annual November meeting, so we need to be sure we are in a good financial position to do so. Dresden agreed to discuss further. Don asked if a national planning committee has been convened. Dresden commented that it has not. Dresden stated that she welcomes any help the Florida chapter could provide. It was decided that Roger will take the lead on this for the Florida chapter since he will be president in 2020

Treasurer: Kellie explained that the expenses and sponsor numbers are not complete for this budget report. 2018 t-shirt revenue was \$0, however we did have some expenses for this in 2018. She explained that we have not received our deposit back from the March event and that Mark should investigate this. We only provided the deposit so we may need to pay for the venue. Kellie will check into this as well and report back at the next meeting. Jeremy explained that meeting sponsor commitments are coming in months later. Need to get sponsors to pay sooner.

Unfinished Business:

- Comment was made to move unfinished business up in the agenda to ensure we cover this at every meeting due to time.
- Review of our 2018 financials is underway.
- UF Water Institute Symposium 2020 – Mark discussed AWRA Florida's involvement in poster session. Potentially moderating/organizing, planning committee, sponsor event. There are 4 \$1000 awards. Don requested AWRA officers be recognized. Expressed concerns about workload with taking on organizing entire poster session. Discussed if we can also sponsor the Ft. Myers poster session if we commit to this. Decided we should keep our sponsorship commitment to the Ft. Myers event if we approve this. Motion was made to commit \$4,000 for this event in 2020. Mark will take the lead and report back with additional details.
- FGCU Water School Donation - Several Board of Directors members asked Don to investigate possibility of making a financial contribution to the FGCU Water School on the occasion of its founding – not a recurring donation but one-time participation in the opening of the Water School, to be used for student scholarships. Don reported: Such donations are welcome. There is one existing fund whose stated mission, and verified use of



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- funds, are to support students; Don suggested donating to that fund as a means to verify our donation is used to support students. That fund however is named for an organization that made the initial donations, and that fund's name may not be compatible with AWRA's mission and goals. The Board chooses not to donate to that fund. The Water School can accept other donations, and AWRA-FL could specify and verify the donation would be used for student support. There was a suggestion of a one-time donation in the range of \$1000 to \$2000 to carry a name such as AWRA Florida Section Scholarship; Don verified this could go directly to The Water School, Dr Greg Tolley, Executive Director, and suggested The Water School choose an individual student (based on excellence of that student's scholarship) to receive that award and then inform AWRA-FL of the name of the recipient. All funds would be used for supporting a single student on a one-time basis. If we were to seek to establish a named fund such as AWRA Scholarship that would make repeated awards over time, the minimum donation would be \$25,000 which is much greater than AWRA-FL is considering. Decision was tabled until future Board meetings.

Future Meetings:

Key West – Luna asked the members to continue seeking sponsors for the event. The agenda is set. Noah Valenstine has not yet confirmed. ACOE Lt. Col was invited. Thursday dinner will be at the Conch Republic. Caterer for Friday nights president's reception has been procured to serve alcohol. AWRA is not serving alcohol. Brent suggested that the caterer add AWRA as additionally insured. Luna's opinion is that the president's reception is a AWRA event. Kellie is going to reach out to our insurer carrier about coverage at the president's reception and report back to the board.

Committee for Young Professional Outreach:

Allison updated the board of the June 26th young professionals' lunch and learn at SWFWMD. Scott Letasi will be the guest speaker.

Student Chapter:

Don gave an update on the FGCU student chapter. 18 students active in the chapter.

Board of Director Comments – No comments offered.

Member and/or Guest Comments – No comments offered.

Motion to adjourn was approved.



American Water Resources Association

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May 17, 2019
Streamsong Resort, Bowling Green, Florida

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X	X					Anderson	Brent	
X	X					Chatham	Alex	
X	X					Clark	Kellie	
X	X					Copp	Roger	
	X					Diblin	Mark	
X	X					Duke	Don	
	X					Fontaine	Amelia	
X	X					Fox	Sandra	
	X					Katsikis	Catherine	
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						McBryan	Jeremy	
X	X					Miller	Karen	
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						Senne	Christine	
X	X					Seidel	Valerie	✓ Phone
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