

Subject: Georgia AWMA Board Meeting

Meeting Date: February 24, 2014 10:00 am

Attendees: Justine Harrison, Chris Hurst, Joan Sasine, Heather Ceron, Thomas Wideman, Shira Glabman, Amy Addison, Russ Kemp, Brad Arnold, Chuck Doyno

Absent: Katy Lutz, Mariel Friberg, Jen Wildroutd,

Chair's Report

- As reported at the most recent Southern Section board meeting there has been a noticeable increase in southern section national member numbers and a large number of those is related to the growth in the Georgia Chapter.
- Please feel free to send reminders to me regarding announcements or action items that need to be addressed so that these can be communicated to the chapter via our email distribution list.

Treasurer Report

- The financial section for the annual report will be completed today and the report can then be filed with national. Two corporate sponsorships have been received and there are three more anticipated yet to arrive for a total corporate sponsorship of \$2500 for the year.

Balance Beginning of Feb – 12,530.96

Ending – 11,777.19

Deposits: 1059.05

Withdrawals: 783.77 (including \$350.00 for GT chapter)

Secretary Report

- The annual report to the international organization has been completed by Chris Hurst and Heather Ceron and submitted by COB on the 28th. The score has improved from mid 40s from the previous year to low 80s indicating more events and activities.
- Southern Section dues were paid for our local members in early February. Dues for 41 persons were paid.
- Website has been updated by removal of the old Chapter Newsletter and replacing with Chapter News. Several news-items/announcements have been posted. All known planned events have been placed on the website and events calendar. The corporate sponsor logos and information have been updated to reflect the two that have been received so far.

Membership Chair Report

- Email reminders are being sent out directly to expired members reminding them to renew. Hopefully this will increase past members to stay involved.

Brown Bag Chair Report

- Next brown bag presentation date of March 28th. The Atlanta Beltline speaker, Ms. Catherine Owens, will be the speaker. The bio for Catherine will be obtained by Justine and sent over to Joan.
- Next brown bag should be scheduled for May but may need to be skipped given that the Spring Regulatory conference will be in the beginning of the month. This will be discussed further in New Business

Young Professional Chair Report

- Shira Glabman has scheduled the first YP event which will be a social gathering during happy hour on March 5th to be held at a midtown location. The event details are on the chapter website. Eight students are planning to attend but anyone is welcome to attend. Justine Harrison was asked to send out an email announcement regarding the event.
- Chuck Doyno is working on expanding the YP contact list by reviewing and reaching out to his known connections. If anyone knows of any YP's please send their contact information to Chuck.

Social Outreach

- No Report

GaTech AWMA and Young Professional

- **YP March 5th Social event**
 - Shira has done an excellent job of organizing our first social event.
 - Our student chapter rep, **Karoline Johnson**, has played a supportive role getting the word out to various departments about the social event
- **Petition and Bylaws**
 - Still waiting on Mr. Klodowski and his associates to review the bylaws and sign petition
- **A&WMA Leadership Training Academy 2014**
 - we have 2 students who are interested in attending (Shira Glabman and Karoline Johnson)
 - students have been advised about seeking financial assistance from SGA, but will still be interested in any support the GA Chapter can provide
- **A&WMA 2014 Annual Conference & Exhibit**
 - we have 2 students who will be presenting posters and presentations (Cesunica Ivey and Mariel Friberg)

New Business

- The Spring A&WMA Leadership Conference has been scheduled and will take place in April 5-6 in Pittsburg, PA. The motion was made by Justine Harrison to sponsor sending Thomas Wideman and Shira Glabman to the conference covering airfare and lodging for two nights up to \$1400. The motion was seconded by Chris Hurst. Motion was approved unanimously. Thomas and Shira will setup their travel arrangements and will submit expenses to the chapter Treasurer for reimbursement. Justine Harrison will contact national AWMA to let them know of our 2 participants.

- Spring regulatory update conference
 - A date of May 1 has been chosen based on availability of a conference room at EPA Region 4 HQ. Katy will take care of catering and facility (tables, chair, AV) arrangement as the date gets closer.
 - Heather Ceron will reach out to the new Regional Manager to see if she can participate as a keynote speaker. The focus of her presentation will be discussion of her priorities and the view of the agency moving forward.
 - Both Heather and Katy Lutz will seek involvement from the EPA Office of General Counsel, Alan Farmer, and Beverly Banister.
 - Everyone should continue to think about other potential regulatory speakers including anyone from national EPA headquarters or the Atlanta Regional Commission
 - Justine Harrison will contact the past speakers from GA EPD to solicit their involvement once again.
 - Both EPA Region 4 and GA EPD offices will be contacted to find out if an updated flow chart on organization and structure can be provided as a handout.
 - The conference fee costs will remain the same as last year. The registration will be opened up about 8 weeks in advance of the event.

- The Georgia Alliance for Hazardous Material Professionals has contact AWMA and asked if there is interest in holding a joint social meeting. They typically have a dinner type format with a presentation following dinner and have suggested doing the event at Red Hare Brewery in Marietta. It was suggested that we proceed with a joint meeting with this organization in lieu of holding a May brown-bag presentation. The suggested presentation topic is social networking for career and professional development opportunities so any suggestions for a speaker should be sent to Justine. This other organization typically covers most all costs and only charges \$10 per person; however, AWMA may not be able to match this level of support depending on the costs. Justine Harrison will find out what the costs will be and bring up at the next board meeting.

- During recent discussions between board members, the chapter officers were alerted to the understanding that the board officers have not been provided liability insurance through national in the past since it was never applied for. The national office provides this coverage at a cost of \$175 for the year. The motion was made by Chris Hurst to purchase this insurance coverage. Motion was seconded by Thomas Wideman and was approved unanimously.

- Thomas Wideman and Chris Hurst recently were involved with a presentation to the student chapter of AEES at Georgia Tech. At the end of the meeting Thomas received numerous resumes. There was discussion on the best way to distribute these and Chris reminded everyone that all dues paying members have access to a chapter Forum board on the website where resumes can be posted/reviewed. Justine will prepare an email announcement to the membership reminding them of this service and feature of the website.