

Subject: Georgia AWMA Board Meeting

Meeting Date: March 28, 2014 10:30 am

Attendees: Justine Harrison, Chris Hurst, Joan Sasine, Thomas Wideman, Shira Glabman, Katy Lutz, Jen Wildroutd, Chuck Doyno, Mariel Friberg

Absent: Brad Arnold, Russ Kemp, Amy Addison, Heather Ceron

Chair's Report

- Several updates to report on the Spring Conference under Old Business

Treasurer Report

- A corporate sponsorship payment of \$500 was received from Environ. This brings the total corporate sponsors to three for the year.

Secretary Report

- The minutes from last month's Board Meeting are posted to the website.
- Our local database has been updated to reflect the current list of national members as of last month. The national membership database will be reviewed about once per month.

Membership Chair Report

- Additional names have been added to the Basic Contact list and continue to expand the list of contacts based on contact information collected by networking and from sign-in at brown bag events.

Brown Bag Chair Report

- Did not receive confirmation from Catherine Owens whom is supposed to be speaking at the Brown-Bag today.
- The next Brown-Bag should be scheduled after the summer break unless the proposed joint meeting does not work out. The next probable date would be early September.

Young Professional Chair Report

- The first social event went well but majority of participants were student chapter members. A total of 15 people attended the event.
- Chuck Doyno has drafted letter to go out to any potential person interested in AWMA to solicit involvement in young professional group.
- An email and announcement statement will be prepared to be sent out to the database contact list and for posting on the various social media sites.
- The topic of revising the age limit for Young Professionals to 40 instead of 35 was discussed thinking this may encourage more participation. No official vote was made.
- The next event is tentatively scheduled for May with details and a final date to be sent out soon.

Social Outreach

- A Twitter account has been set up. Next step is to get the information out to membership and start having followers. A twitter link will be setup on the website as soon as Jen Wildroutd provides the site information to the web chair.
- Jen will be setup as an admin for the Linked-In account and a general AWMA gmail account will be set up to use for social network purposes.

GaTech AWMA Report

- The national AWMA has accepted the student chapter petition for establishing the group as a new student chapter under the Southern Section. The student chapter will become official in June of this year but for all purposes are considered a chapter by the national organization.
- The student chapter will not be reaching out the Georgia Tech student affairs and SGA for official recognition and ability to obtain funds for events and trips.
- Both the student chapter and the Young Professional group will be provided time at the upcoming Spring Regulatory Update meeting to update on their activities and efforts.

Old Business

- Everything is in place for Thomas Wideman and Shira Glabman to attend the national Spring A&WMA Leadership Conference on April 5-6 in Pittsburg, PA.
- 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.
 - A total of eight speakers have been confirmed including the new EPA Regional Manager has agreed to participate as a keynote speaker. The focus of her presentation will be discussion of her priorities and the view of the agency moving forward.
 - Continue to seek involvement from other EPA speakers and the EPA Office of General Counsel.
 - The conference fee costs will remain the same as last year. The registration will be opened up this weekend. On Monday an email will be sent out announcing that registration is open and providing a draft agenda.
 - Thomas Wideman will prepare the agenda flyer, Katie will continue to coordinate the morning and afternoon refreshments, Chris will assure registration site is open, Amy Addison will take lead on on-site check in, and Justine will reach out to Ga EPD directors office.
- Additional details have been obtained for a joint meeting with the Georgia Alliance for Hazardous Material Professionals. The estimated cost of the event, to be held at Red Hare Brewery in Marietta, will be \$2000 of which GA AWMA would cover half the cost. The other group does not typically charge any fee's to attend and often has sponsors willing to defray some expenses. Two dates for the event are either May 14th or May 21st. Ga AWMA would likely need to collect some payment from non-members and \$10 per AWMA member. Thomas will obtain some additional information of the cost arrangement and email out to the board. Justine will coordinate a vote on moving forward with this event via email.

New Business

- Justine recently participated in an event in which a presenter came in and provided a abbreviated personality profile and leadership style session. This speaker was very good and would potentially be a good idea for a future event with the Ga AWMA chapter.
- Joan Sasine brought up the idea of restarting a chapter newsletter that could go out once per quarter and feature articles and news items involving the local chapters and relevant environmental topics. The chapter used to have a newsletter. Chris Hurst confirmed that several year's worth are posted on the Archive section of the website. If anyone is interested in taking the lead on preparing a chapter newsletter please contact Justine.
- Joan Sasine put forth a motion that the local section set aside \$100 each year to order AWMA merchandise to be provided as gifts to speakers and for other gift hand out purposes. These items can be ordered directly from the national AWMA website. The motion was seconded by Katy Lutz and was approved by the entire board.

The Next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for April 23rd and 10:00 am.