

## **Subject: Georgia AWMA Board Meeting**

**Meeting Date: September 19, 2014 10:00 am**

Attendees: Justine Harrison, Thomas Wideman, Chris Hurst, Shira Glabman, Katy Lusky, Amy Addison, Chuck Doyno, Russ Kemp, Jen Wildroutd, Heather Ceron

Absent: Joan Sasine, Brad Arnold, Mariel Friberg

### **Chair's Report**

- After review of the limited response that has been received for interested speakers for the Fall conference and the short amount of time left it is best that we cancel the Fall conference and instead focus efforts on southern section annual conference next year.
- Reports provided by the GA board members who attended the SS Annual conference indicate the event went very well but a word of caution was made on making sure to not schedule speakers whom may be hostile to other speakers. There was a session where an Alabama was hostile toward EPA administrators and left a unfavorable impression with EPA.

### **Treasurer Report**

- The purchase of a desktop table display was placed on hold since we were able to borrow the set from the Southern Section. This will be used through and at the annual conference next year. Chris Hurst has possession of this.
- Continue to work on providing AMEC the non-profit and updated Tax ID to reduce fee payments from processing credit cards through the website.

Ending balance on 9/18/14 - \$12,807.57  
Beginning balance on 8/4/14 - \$13,224.25

Payments Made:

Check for \$32.84 Student chapter Social  
Merchant BankCD fee - \$224.41  
Member clicks fee - \$250.00 (\$125/month)

### **Secretary Report**

- The efforts are continuing on developing a program that will download and auto load new national members to the local chapter database. There are some account access issues being worked out.
- The website is up to date with current information. Please make sure to copy Chris on news items and information and it will be added to the events or chapter news pages.

### **Scholarship Chair Report**

- The scholarship announcement letter was sent out and eight applications were received. The scholarship committee will be reviewing and voting in the upcoming week to choose two winners. Applications were received from Emory and Ga Tech.
- Since there will not be a Fall conference this year the scholarship winners will be presented at the October Brown bag meeting and also allowed some time to provide a presentation of their research work.

### **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. Chuck Doyno has provided his list of contacts to Chris Hurst for addition of any new contacts to the database.
- We have seen an uptick on email subscriber requests. Hopefully this will be leading to new members!

### **Brown Bag Chair Report**

- No report. Mr. Steve Lesline with UPS will be the speaker for the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

### **Social Outreach Chair**

- Please continue to forward information to Jen and she will post to the LinkedIn and social media sites.
- Jen will develop a power point page that can be put up at the beginning and end of speaker presentations listing the various social media and website url.

### **Young Professional Chair Report**

- The YP group will be hosting a brewery tour and social at Monday Night Brewing in Atlanta. The date will be early/mid October and the event will be pay at the door. Details will be finalized and sent out in upcoming days.

### **Ga Tech Student Chapter**

- The first student event for the Fall semester was held on last week and involved a local professional coming in and speaking about his career path since graduating from college and recommendations for students on their career options. Dinner was provided from Willies and the total cost was around \$320 for the event.
- The next formal meeting with the student officers will continue to fall on either the 7<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> of each month and will continue to include a presentation from a local professional.
- A panel type format will be setup for the November meeting.
- Karoline Johnson will be President of the chapter next year and will work on establishing additional formal officers.
- There will likely be a large group of students attending the October brown-bag meeting

## **Old Business**

- A planning committee for the Southern Section Annual conference will be assembled by Thomas Wideman to start working on various tasks including the issuance of the membership survey on preferred conference locations. This committee will include participants from outside the current board of directors.
- The list of email contacts for Southern Section has been received and is ready for inclusion into the survey.
- A motion had been previously passed 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. Heather Ceron will take charge of purchasing the items.

## **New Business**

- A Survey Monkey survey will be setup and sent out to SS and GA membership list soliciting input on preferred locations for the next annual SS conference. The motion was made by Chris Hurst to pay for the basic subscription package for Survey Monkey at a cost of around \$30 and seconded by Katy Lusky.
- The bylaws will be reviewed by Chris Hurst whom will also prepare a draft revision for board approval to incorporate additional language on assuring that the board be balanced with members from Industry, GA EPD, and EPA. This was prompted by discussion that took place at the SS Annual Conference on inviting Derrick Williams to become a Director on the board next year with a vacancy that will be opening.
- Chris will also review the rotational schedule of the three board positions to go ahead and elect each position for three year cycles with rotating election years happening sequentially. The current practice is that one slot is elected every two years and the other two are three year terms.

**The Next Board of Directors Meeting is scheduled for October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am.**