



FLORIDA SECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES February 15, 2017

Minutes of Meeting:

Date: February 15, 2017

Time: 2:00pm

Place: Conference Call

2016-2017 Board, Directors, & Standing Committee Members (present if checked):

✓ Chair/Executive Secretary	Liz Foeller
Immediate Past Chair	Mike Markey
✓ Vice Chair	Susan Kennedy
✓ Secretary/Treasurer	Manitia Moultrie
✓ Membership and Bylaws Chair	Kathy Lockhart
✓ Director	Mike Kennedy
✓ Director	Byron Burrows
Director/YP Group	Christina Akly
Director	Peter Norris
Director	Julianna Duckworth
✓ Director	Kevin Holbrooks
Education Director	Upasna Rai
✓ Website Director	Kurt Westerlund
Guest/YP Representative	Kaitlyn Tinguam
2017 Technical Conference Chair	Joe Brown
Continuing Education Chair	Lynn Robinson
Scholarship Chair	David Cooper

Liz Foeller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm EST. A board quorum was present.

Old Business

The January Board minutes were reviewed and approved (with minor edits) for posting to the AWMA website.

The Board agreed to invite several committee chairs to the monthly call, including Joe Brown – 2017 Technical Conference Chair, Lynn Robinson – Continuing Education Chair and David Cooper – Scholarship Chair.

Update of 2016-2019 Goals

- a) Promote information sharing – Susan Butler-Kennedy, Champion
Susan will send regular e-blasts as appropriate (i.e., job postings, conferences, webinars, etc.) and request that members share information that may be useful for distribution to draw individuals to the website.
- b) Grow and promote Florida Section membership - Kathy Lockhart, Champion
No report.
- c) Increase revenue for the Florida Section to support programs/scholarships – TBD, Champion
No report.
- d) Energize Florida Chapters - Upasna Rai, Champion

Energize Northeast Chapter - Kevin Holbrooks
Kevin reported that he has reviewed the updated membership roster and set up a lunch meeting for March 30th at Anheuser Busch Metals Container location. He is looking for a speaker and requested information, agendas and templates from local chapters for reference. Liz suggested that Nandra Weeks be contacted to assist with chapter meetings as she is a good resource in the Jacksonville area. The email invite will be forwarded in late February. Liz volunteered to show support from the Board and invited others to attend as well.
- e) Encourage Member involvement – All
All board members should encourage members to join, participate and get engaged. Susan Kennedy shared a story about promoting AWMA corporate membership as well as information about the Northeast and Coastal Plains chapters with individuals from PACE Labs.
- f) Promote YP development - Christina Akly, Champion
Christina confirmed that she would send content for the YP page by the end of the week and she is testing the YP facebook page. She will be meeting students in Gainesville to offer assistance for the ECi competition for the national conference and discuss a potential tailgate in the fall. FPL will potentially host a Southeast chapter meeting in March at the Manatee Lagoon and she will use that opportunity to host a happy hour for the YPs.
- g) Sponsor leadership training – TBD, Champions
The AWMA annual international leadership training conference will be held Friday, April 21st to Sunday April 23rd. Susan Kennedy nor Manitia Moultrie are available and Liz offered the opportunity to others to attend on behalf of the Florida AWMA Board.
- h) Update Florida Section website – **Kurt Westerlund**, Champion
Encouraging members to visit the website: <http://flawma.org/>
Kurt is continuing to work on draft chapter pages and recently met with international AWMA staff to get updated links/content for the page. He also met with Susan Kennedy and Liz Foeller to update the Coastal Plains chapter page on the AWMA website.

Budget Review/Update

No report.

Chapter Updates

Coastal Plains – Updating chapter website. The chapter will hold a general meeting on March 4th. A speaker from DEP is scheduled to attend to discuss the Map Direct program. A general meeting will be scheduled for late April/May with the annual conference planned for June 8th in Pensacola.

Tampa Bay – the February technical topic was “CCRs” which was presented by Michael Scott, Geosyntec.

Southeast – no report.

Northeast – see note above.

Conference Updates

The FL AWMA Conference will be held in Tallahassee October 25th – 26th (with the annual board meeting scheduled for October 24th). The Turnbull Center rates have increased to \$6,670.50 (this includes the atrium/conference center exhibit area, registration desk [rooms 208 and 215] and AV). Liz will negotiate contracts w/the caterer and hotel soon.

Conference leadership follows:

Joe Brown, Conference Chair

Liz Foeller, Conference Co-Chair

Manitia Moultrie, Chair, Technical Program (need a Co-Chair)

Joe Applegate/Nandra Weeks will assist and work with conference sponsorships

Kaitlyn Tingum and Christine Akly will work with YP and undergraduate program.

Other Items

No report.

Adjourn

With no further business, Liz Foeller adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm EST.

Signed:

Manitia Moultrie

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Secretary

Liz Foeller

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Chair