



FLORIDA SECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 15, 2017

Minutes of Meeting:

Date: March 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 Tingum
√ 2017 Technical Conference Chair	Joe Brown
Continuing Education Chair	Lynn Robinson
Scholarship Chair	David Cooper

Liz Foeller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm EST. A board quorum was present.

Old Business

The February Board minutes were reviewed and approved (with minor edits) for posting to the AWMA website at <http://flawma.org/board-of-directors-2/>

Update of 2016-2019 Goals

- a) Promote information sharing – Susan Butler-Kennedy, Champion
Susan will continue to send regular e-blasts as appropriate (i.e., job postings, conferences, webinars, etc.) and request that members to share information 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
Conference sponsorship and dues have been the major revenue sources to date and no other fundraisers are currently planned by the FL AWMA Section.
- d) Energize Florida Chapters - Upasna Rai, Champion
Energize Northeast Chapter - Kevin Holbrooks
Kevin reported that he plans to set up a lunch meeting for the April NE Chapter meeting and he is in the process of locking down a venue. Trinity Consultants have agreed to supply a speaker.
- e) Encourage Member involvement – All
Liz confirmed that she is participating on the International AWMA nominating committee and they are searching for individuals interested in additional leadership opportunities now or in the future. She acknowledged that they are looking for engagement from the regulated community as well as the regulators (which may be more of a challenge).
- f) Promote YP development - Christina Akly, Champion
Christina will be meeting students in Gainesville to offer assistance for the ECi competition for the national conference and encourage participation for the competition in Pittsburgh. She requested that the FL AWMA fund the team that won at the Florida Section ECi competition. Liz confirmed that funds are available from the FL AWMA conference (\$1000) and they (as well as additional individuals/teams) can request additional funding via a request to the FL AWMA Board. It is anticipated that they also seeking funds from other organizations as well. The Board agreed to allow for the funding request up to 30 days prior to the conference.

The Facebook page is active – AWMA-FL YPs and all are encouraged to like the page. The website is also active and Christina thanks Kurt for his assistance. **Action Item: Liz suggested that everyone join the AWMA-FL YPs page on facebook to support the YPs.**

Several attended the UF AWMA poster conference in Gainesville. About 40 posters were presented with good attendance and participation from both the environment and civil engineering departments. She is looking to sponsor a tailgate and encourage instructor/student networking.

- g) Sponsor leadership training – TBD, Champions

The AWMA annual international leadership training conference will be held Friday, April 21st to Sunday April 23rd. Christina forwarded a request from the UF student chapter president – Robert Nedbor-Gross to attend the leadership training conference.

Registration: \$300

Hotel Room (\$139/night event rate for 3 nights) \$417

Flights: MCO to PIT average round trip around \$300

Approximate total: \$1,017.00

A motion was presented by Christina and seconded by Upasna to approve the funding request of ~ \$1,100 for attendance at the A&WMA Leadership Training Academy. The motion was approved.

Action Item: Liz requested that Robert Nedbor-Gross attend the May Board meeting and provide an overview of the training and any best practices to the group.

h) Update Florida Section website – Kurt Westerlund, Champion

Kurt has completed the Coastal Plains chapter web page and the YP web page and incorporated several social media links. The updates are now live and Kurt asked members to review the updates at <http://flawma.org/>

Budget Review/Update

No report.

Corporate registration with state of Florida has been filed and the electronic tax filing is pending.

Student scholarship check distribution and the financial report will be reported in April.

Chapter Updates

Coastal Plains

- A general meeting was held March 3rd at the Gulf Power Addison Auditorium. Alex Webster, P.G. from the NW District office of FDEP was the speaker and discussed the FDEP Map Direct Program. More than 20 members were in attendance and lunch was served. Jill Johnson (Geosyntec), our chapter Vice Chair presided over the meeting.
- The next general meeting is scheduled for May 4th. We plan on another lunch meeting at Gulf Power and our tentative speaker is Nicole Penichet, Ph.D. Nicole is a Toxicologist with Geosyntec and will discuss Chapter 62-780 and 62-777 Rules.
- Our Annual Technical Conference is in the planning stages and we are working on our speaker list. We will have a ½ day workshop the day before the Conference again this year. Tentative dates are June 8th-9th. (Unfortunately, these dates do overlap the National meeting.)

Tampa Bay – the monthly meeting was held on March 14th. Justin Keene, ERM presented on Maritime Security Compliance. The next meeting is April 11th.

Southeast – The SE chapter bimonthly meeting will be on March 28th, at the NextEra Energy Corporate headquarters in Juno Beach. The topic will be “Martin County Solar Facility and Other Solar Projects in FL” and it will be presented by Kevin Washington and Jeff Zuczek from NextEra’s air group.

Northeast – see note above from Kevin Holbrooks.

Conference Updates

The FL AWMA Conference will be held in Tallahassee October 25th – 26th (with the annual board meeting scheduled for October 24th). The contract has been secured and the room block has been set and Joe inquired about those that were interested in participating in the technical committee or the sponsorship committee. Several indicated interest and a conference call will be scheduled to discuss the framework for the technical agenda.

Joe will participate in the Board meetings quarterly as needed to report conference updates to the group.

Conference leadership follows:

Joe Brown, Conference Chair

Liz Foeller, Conference Co-Chair

Manitia Moultrie, Chair, Technical Program

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

The next FL AWMA Board meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2017.

Adjourn

With no further business, Liz Foeller adjourned the meeting at 3:02 pm EST.

Signed:

Manitia Moultrie

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Secretary

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Chair