



## FLORIDA SECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 19, 2017

### Minutes of Meeting:

Date: April 19, 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 2:04 pm EST. A board quorum was present.**

### Old Business

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The March 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

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- a) Promote information sharing – Susan Butler-Kennedy, Champion  
Check the website for updates and information (i.e., job postings, conferences, webinars, etc.).
- b) Grow and promote Florida Section membership - Kathy Lockhart, Champion  
Reported approximately 155 members in the state of Florida and acknowledged that many of the resource tools previously available on the international website are no longer available.
- c) Increase revenue for the Florida Section to support programs/scholarships – TBD, Champion  
No report.

- d) Energize Florida Chapters

- Upasna Rai, YP/Student Chapters

- Upasna reported that they held an AWMA social in Gainesville to allow students to network.

- Requested information to engage a chapter (or students) at FSU and FAMU in Tallahassee.

- Energize Northeast Chapter - Kevin Holbrooks

- Kevin reported that the Northeast chapter will hold a lunch meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> at the Anheiser Busch metal container corporation. They are hoping to have at least 20 in attendance.

- 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.

- f) Promote YP development - Christina Akly, Champion

- Christina will continue to subscribe and invite YPs (and other members) to the AWMA technical webinars.

- A meeting is planned with Upasna Rai to discuss YP program for the FL AWMA 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.**

- g) Sponsor leadership training – TBD, Champions

- The AWMA annual international leadership training conference will be held Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday April 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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 will continue to work with Susan Butler-Kennedy and the Coastal Plains chapter for updates and research site mapping to optimize the website and identify google search tags. <http://flawma.org/>

It was suggested that we need to get focused on the AWMA Conference webpage as this will be important as we solicit sponsors and keep members updated. Also looking to post testimonials or videos on the site to encourage and promote attendance.

### **Budget Review/Update**

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Scholarships In the past, students won scholarships and membership – the process has been posted on the website to clarify that the students will pay the fee and get reimbursed. Student scholarship winners are:

Maohua Pan Axel Hendrickson award \$1,000 + free student membership  
Robert Nedbor-Gross Clair Fancy award \$1,000 + free student membership  
Choufan Zhou \$500  
Farshad Ebrahim \$250

ECi Challenge The list of FL Section Conference ECi Challenge winners are provided below.

1st Place

Kevin Kijanka, Malak Anshassi, Naomi Senehi, Vanessa Soto

2nd Place

Christina Finizio, Christopher Cuevas, Sharez Sohail

The FL team is requesting \$6,500 for attendance at the International AWMA meeting.

Liz noted that the proposed team is different than the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place team and there is no evidence of funding from other sources. This request would result in an exceedance of the FL AWMA Conference profit given prior distribution of monies for leadership training and scholarships.

It was recommended that we offer a cap of \$3000 which would potentially pay for the UF student chapter to send at least four (4) students (which is equivalent to the 1<sup>st</sup> place team) to attend the International AWMA Conference.

Mike Kennedy – motioned/Byron Burroughs - seconded

## Chapter Updates

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*Coastal Plains* - The next general meeting is scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup> with a lunch meeting at Gulf Power. The tentative speaker is Nicole Penichet, Ph.D., a Toxicologist with Geosyntec. Nicole will discuss Chapter 62-780 and 62-777 Rules.

The Annual Technical Conference will be held on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Gulf Power Addison Auditorium from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm CST. The overall theme for the workshop is the "Effects of the New Administration." A Half-Day Workshop focused on Emergency Response will be held the day prior from 2 to 5 pm CST. Sponsorship registration is already open and attendee registration will be opening the last week of April.

*Tampa Bay* – The monthly meeting was held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. The chapter convened at the Duke Energy Bartow plant for a tour of the facility.

*Southeast* – The SE chapter bimonthly meeting was postponed until May. The meeting will be hosted 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

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The FL AWMA Conference will be held in Tallahassee October 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> (with the annual board meeting scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>). 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.

Joe will participate in the Board meetings quarterly as needed to report conference updates to the group. The technical committee has met to develop a framework for the conference. Monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

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 May 17, 2017.*

## Adjourn

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Liz Foeller adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm EST.

## Signed:

*Manitia Moultrie*

Manitia Moultrie, Secretary

*Liz Foeller*

Liz Foeller, Chair

