



FLORIDA SECTION BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 17, 2017

Minutes of Meeting:

Date: May 17, 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	Vacant
√	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
√	Guest	Robert Nedbar-Gross

Liz Foeller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm EST. A board quorum was present.

Old Business

The April Board minutes were reviewed and approved for posting to the AWMA website at <http://flawma.org/board-of-directors-2/>

New Business

Florida Section Bylaws

Liz introduced the Florida Section AWMA bylaws and suggested that clarifications and updates may be warranted require the chapters to function within the Florida section and chapter bylaws, meet membership and chapter election expectations. The Board agreed to consider suggested amendments and provide clarity around requirement for FI Section to assist chapters remain active and function within the guidelines of the bylaws (and address dissolution of chapters as appropriate). The Board agreed encourage Chapters to align with international guidelines which will be circulated to chapter leaders to reference and ensure that all are aligned with the international organization. The motion to move forward with proposed amendments was made by Liz Foeller (seconded by Mike Markey). The proposed language will be circulated for consideration prior to discussion amongst the board.

Mike Kennedy is retiring June 2, 2017. The Board discussed backfilling his position of Director. Liz motioned to the Board that his predecessor – Paula Cobb could fulfill his term on the FI AWMA Board – however, she would need to be a member. It was also suggested that Chris Bradley could be an alternative to join the Board. (Peter seconded). The board suggested a gift/token be given to Mike Kennedy for his contributions to the Board.

Robert Nedbar-Groos attended the AWMA Leadership Training Conference in Pittsburg, PA during the weekend of April 21 - April 23, 2017. Robert is the current University of Florida Chapter President and thanked the Board for their support. He provided an update on the Conference training and encouraged other Board member to attend.

Reminder: the Facebook page is active – AWMA-FL YPs and all are encouraged to like the page. The website is also active <http://flawma.org/board-of-directors-2/>

Chapter Updates

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

It was suggested that students and chapter be invited to attend Board meetings

Conference Updates

The FL AWMA Conference will be held in Tallahassee October 25th – 26th (with the annual board meeting scheduled for October 24th). A preliminary framework of conference topics has been developed for discussion on the monthly technical conference planning call scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3pm EST. The committee will focus on developing the conference website and sponsorship material

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 June 21, 2017 (and moved to June 23, 2017 at 2:00pm).

Adjourn

Liz Foeller adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm EST and noted that several items on the agenda would need to be moved to the June meeting.

Signed:

Manitia Moultrie

Manitia Moultrie, Secretary

Liz Foeller

Liz Foeller, Chair