

FLORIDA SECTION BOARD MEETING AGENDA

February 17, 2021
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM EST

I. Call to Order & Roll Call – Chrissy/Byron

2021 Officers:

Byron Burrows – Chair	Joe Brown - Director
Christina Akly – Immediate Past Chair	Kevin Holbrooks – Director
Joe Applegate – Vice-Chair	Susan Kennedy – Director
Christine (Chrissy) Schaub – Secretary/Treasurer	Manitia Moultrie – Director
Liz Foeller – Executive Secretary	Greg Terry – Director
Kaitlyn Watkins – Membership Director	Veronica Figueroa – Director
Upasna Rai – Education Director	Haofei Yu – Scholarship Chair
VACANT – Website Director	Lynn Robinson – Continuing Ed Chair

Yellow highlights= present

II. Old Business:

- a. Approval of January Meeting Minutes- motion to approve, Susan seconded; all approved.
- b. Website Director prospects- Susan spoke with Michael Wheaten and can help out but needs some direction from the section. Michael can upload the meeting minutes, just forward. Bryon will follow up with Michael and Susan will coordinate.
- c. Student Chapter Progress (FAU, USF, other) – Upasna/Byron- Bryon/Kristen looking at starting a club at USF had discussion with Professor- still in progress. Interested in best practices- very difficult to do in COVID environment.
 - i. UWF- had momentum but slowed with COVID. Hoping scholarship program will help out and start having relationships at UWF, USF, FAMU and possibly TCC.
 - ii. Byron- Have Kristen involved when scholarships announcement are made.
 - iii. What is the timing for the scholarship announcements- usually around Feb/March. Haofei will send Bryon list of contacts he currently has.

III. Treasurer Report – Liz

- a. Coastal plains chapter is working with Liz for splitting profits from conference, about \$4600.00.

IV. Discussion of 2021 FL Section Goals – Byron

- a. Focus on ACE and expanding student and young professional involvement.

V. International A&WMA ACE 2021 – Christina

- a. Christina and Susan had call with Stephanie regarding how much our chapter would get for the conference. Would commit to \$5,000.00 as a minimum. Typically, will provide a few free registrations but thinking that many will not need that since companies will provide so we will use that free to provide FDEP a discounted rate. If anyone needs discount or companies will not sponsor discuss with Christina.

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- b. What are the needs from the committees?
 - i. Technical committee is working through sessions.
 - ii. Speakers- representative aid- they haven't filled her schedule for May.
 - iii. Sent out updates; Jeff will take over for follow up.
 - iv. Student chapter- Manitia has environmental challenge and Greg Terry and Rob Valsco (and they will also be judges) working on the challenge and they sent to international challenge. Finalized and requested comments by Friday so they can update to website. International committee liked the challenge. Manitia- request for reduced rates for judges/presenters not attending the conference.
 - v. Career panel- all set, waiting DEP response but anticipate them accepting.
 - vi. Young Professional- how does it work: anyone interested in energy production and environmental social justice (i.e.; GHG reporting). Flint Web can help out. Other 3 panels: Stack Testing/Resiliency/Waste.

- VI. Review of Activities
 - a. Promote information sharing and grow Florida Section membership – Kaitlyn Watkins
 - i. No updates- did include some things in the Florida report. Kaitlyn will look back at notes and follow up next meeting.
 - b. Annual report- Bryon to send to Christina to complete.
 - c. Revenue allocation to support new programs & scholarships – Liz
 - i. Defer to next meeting.
 - d. Energize Florida Chapters – Tampa Bay, Southeast, Northeast and Big Bend Chapters
 - i. Combining Coastal Plains and Big Bend- Voted on bylaws and next steps to populate board, Susan will formally request.
 - ii. No updates from Northeast Florida chapter.
 - e. Organize a smaller meeting/conference at the end of the year to consider- possibly even in person.
 - f. Promote student involvement – USF, FAMU and UWF update
 - g. Promote YP development (and participation in conference) - Christina Akly, Chrissy to reach out to Kaitlyn on ideas. Maybe we can get the list from Stephanie and track and reach out to those people.
 - h. How can we track students after they become young professionals and reach out.
 - i. Building the Florida Section Bench Strengths – website updates – Byron

- VII. Chapter Updates
 - a. Southeast chapter- will host a webinar for OIAI near end of March with David Reed. Christina will send out the webinar invite once finalize.

- VIII. Other items
- IX. Adjourn