

**American Society of Civil Engineers
Illinois Section
Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Technical Group**

February 16, 2010 - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Tatiana Papakos, Chair	TTEM
Arun Heer, Treasurer	HDR
Sandy Homola, Secretary	V3
Graig Neville, Past Chair	Manhard
Thera Baldauf	MWH
William Chu	Milhouse
Paresh Thakkar	Singh and Associates
Gary Paradoski	Applied Ecological
Don Oliphant	CBBEL
Joe Lang	Gaiatech
Andre Haynes	Milhouse
Adam Hacker	HDR
Katie Owens	2IM Group

1. Call to Order

- Tatiana called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved

3. Treasurer's Report

- Future Cities awards totaling \$600 have been paid out.
- GIS seminar expenses will be accounted for next month.
- Report approved

4. Subcommittee Report

4.1 Student Outreach and Scholarships- Katie Kukielka

- Katie was not in attendance.
- Arun Heer reported that he and Katie have met with 2 student groups, UIC and Northwestern (NWU) in order to promote the scholarships.
- Two scholarships are available, undergraduate and graduate.
- Arun and Katie gave their contact information to students interested in the scholarships.
- Will need judges to volunteer for the scholarship selection.

5. Old Business

5.1 EE&WR Web Page - Pat Lach

- Pat was not in attendance.

5.2 Seminar/Course Cancellation Policy

- The board had requested a small change to the language regarding 123 sign up.
- Tatiana will bring the revised policy to next month's meeting for approval.

5.3 Future Cities Competition

- Arun Heer participated as a judge and reported that the event went well.
- There was a lot of participation and the judges found good candidates for both of the EE&WR special awards.

5.4 Other Old Business

- None.

6. Seminars and Courses

6.1 Pumps Seminar - Pat Lach

- Pat not in attendance. However, Graig brought a flyer regarding a pumps course that ASCE national is hosting this year.
- In light of the national course we have decided to skip doing a pumps seminar this year and promote the national course to our members.
- Sandy will send an email to our members regarding the national course.

6.2 GIS Dinner Seminar - Heather Henneman

- Seminar was January 28th.
- It was a good event, 33 people attended and we made \$550.

6.3 LEED Seminar - Chetan Kale.

- Chetan was unable to attend meeting. We will plan the seminar for later in the summer or early fall.

6.4 Bioswales Presentation - Pat Lach

- Pat not in attendance, no report.

6.5 BMP Seminar

- Graig has contacted IAFSM. We will team up with them on a future project.
- May create a seminar to explain using SWMM as a BMP design model. Seminar would occur in the fall or later depending on the IAFSM schedule.

6.6 Water Efficiency/ Conservation Dinner Seminar – Megan Elberts/Kristi Root

- Katie Owens reported that Thera, Catherine, Megan, Kristi, and herself will have a conference call on February 23rd to discuss planning.
- They are trying to find a location, looking for somewhere new. May be in Greek Town (but not Greek Islands) or at Goose Island. Need a place that could hold 50+ people, looking for ideas from the group.
- There will be 3 people on the panel of speakers: 1 yet to be determined industry person, Professor Carl Rockney from UIC will represent universities, and someone from CMAP will represent governmental agencies.
- Will be tentatively planned for mid April. We will include a teaser in the next newsletter.

6.7 Geo-RAS Course – Tatiana Papakos

- Tatiana has spoken with Cameron from the Corps of engineers (COE) who is one of the developers of GeoRAS. He could potentially be our presenter.
- COE can not accept a check directly from us for training fees, but we may be able to work something out through the Chicago District office. However, their instructor fees are very expensive. COE would like to have 2 instructors for a 2-day seminar which would cost \$10-15,000 just for the instructors. Cost would go to \$8-8,500 if there is only one instructor with help from us.
- Course set up could range from an overview of GeoRAS to a very hand-on workshop. Tatiana will have COE put together a course outline so we can decide what topics would be best and determine how many days the course should be.
- If we decide on a hands-on course, we could use UIC computer labs to save on cost.
- We will put a teaser in the next newsletter to determine the amount of interest in this course.

6.8 SWCD Urban Manual Update – Matt Bardol

- Matt was not in attendance. No update.

6.9 Liquid Assets – Graig Nevill/Katie Owens

- Katie contacted student chapters about a showing, but received no response. Could try to contact smaller universities (such as Harold Washington) to set up viewings.
- Graig called PBS. They have already run the program but we could ask them to rerun it.

6.10 New Seminars

- Arun suggested a HEC-23 or HEC-RAS bridge scour seminar. Could be a half-day seminar.

7. New Business

7.1 Illinois Section Meeting – Tatiana Papakos

- IL section is currently doing their taxes. We need to be conscious of our income/outcome reports to the section.
- Darren Olson is heading up a sustainability committee. Anyone interested in being a member of the committee should contact Darren by March 1st. Sandy will send an email to the group.
- We have told the section board that we will look into becoming an institute, potentially joining the EWRI. The benefits of converting would be that we can use the EWRI logos on our correspondence and we would be able to expand our group to include non-engineers in related fields.
- The spring dinner will be April 22nd, and we will be giving out 2 scholarships.
- Tatiana will contact EWRI to have one of their members present to us about becoming a EWRI Chapter

7.2 DuPage Engineer's Day

- Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Pat Lach. Sandy will send an email to the group. The event is on February 20.

7.3 UIC Student Chapter Presentation

- Sarah Anderson from UIC gave us a brief presentation requesting money to assist the students with the cost of participating in the Great Lakes Conference.
- They are requesting \$300 to assist with travel costs. The conference will cost them close to \$8000 overall.
- They will participate in several competitions this year including steel bridge, concrete canoe, and water resource and geotechnical.
- The group approved \$500 in funding to assist the chapter.

7.4 Other new business

- Graig received a letter from IIT also requesting money for the Great Lakes conference. We would like them to give us a presentation if they want us to contribute.
- Engineers Without Borders is hosting a fundraising event for a flooding project in Guatemala. Sandy will send their flyer out to the group.
- May consider setting up an event to raise relief funds for Haiti. Arun and Katie Owens will look into planning an event.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm.