

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

**March 16, 2010 - Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Tatiana Papakos, Chair	TTEM
Sandy Homola, Secretary	V3
Graig Neville, Past Chair	Manhard
Thera Baldauf	MWH
Katie Owens	2IM Group
Katie Kukielka	AECOM
Matt Miller	HNTB
William Chu	Milhouse
Scott Aitken	UIC
Rania Dughman	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Caroline Supataraporn	Parsons Brinkerhoff
Sandra Verthein	Parsons Brinkerhoff

**1. Call to Order**

- Tatiana called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

**2. Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Approved

**3. Treasurer's Report**

- Graig Neville will follow up with Arun about the unredeemed state voucher for \$600
- Tatiana reported on opening an account with Bank of America. There is no fee for a business account with 1 debit card transaction per month. Arun will report next meeting on other bank options.
- February report approved

**4. Subcommittee Report**

**4.1 Scholarships- Katie Kukielka**

- No applications have been received as of 03/16/2010.
- The scholarship deadline will be extended to 03/31/2010
- A team has already volunteered to judge the applications
- Katie will look into ideas to modify the scholarship application to make it easier for students when applying

**5. Old Business**

**5.1 EE&WR Web Page - Pat Lach**

- No update available

**5.2 Seminar/Course Cancellation Policy**

- The cancelation policy was approved and will be effective immediately for any future seminars or courses.

**5.3 Haiti Fundraiser – Katie Owens**

- Katie asked for suggestions for a place to host the fundraiser. Trader Todd's and Cactus Bar & Grill were suggested. Katie will look into this.

## **5.4 Other Old Business**

- None.

## **6. Seminars and Courses**

### **6.1 LEED Seminar - Chetan Kale.**

- No update available

### **6.2 Bioswales Presentation - Pat Lach**

- No update available

### **6.3 BMP Seminar**

- We will team up with IAFSM on a future project.
- Katie Owens mentioned about SUSTAIN, a BMP evaluation tool supported by EPA. We'll look into this further.

### **6.4 Water Efficiency/ Conservation Dinner Seminar – Thera Balduaf/Katie Owens**

- Plan to pay for speakers' meals, but not pay speakers.
- Cost per plate is \$26. We need 35 people to break even. The room can fit 50 people.
- Would like it to be a less-formal panel discussion. We are leaving it up to the speakers to determine what they would like to talk about, then we will review.
- Event is confirmed for May 5<sup>th</sup>. Need to get a flyer put together.

### **6.5 Geo-RAS Course – Tatiana Papakos**

- We have received a cost estimate and outline for a 2-day course from Cameron at USACOE. The course would cost \$8000 just for instructor fees.
- Course would only be feasible if we can get a low-cost venue to host at. Arun will follow up with the UIC labs.
- Put a teaser out last month and have not heard back from anyone.
- There are 4 courses coming to Chicago from National ASCE, one may be GeoRAS. We need to speak with National again to remind them to run courses by us before scheduling a Chicago location to prevent overlapping of efforts. Tatiana will mention this to the IL Section Board and ask them to bring this to the attention of National.

### **6.6 SWCD Urban Manual Update – Matt Bardol**

- No update.

### **6.7 Liquid Assets – Graig Nevill/Katie Owens**

- No update.

### **6.8 HEC-23/HEC-RAS Bridge Scour – Arun Heer**

- No update.

### **6.9 New Seminars**

- SUSTAIN BMP analysis tool offered from USEPA.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Illinois Section Meeting – Tatiana Papakos**

- IL Section is looking for a director. Tatiana will draft an email.
- Need to prepare a newsletter article, due March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tatiana and Katie Kukielka will draft an article on the Asian Carp issue.

### **7.2 Chicago River Day**

- Catherine or Heather may have coordinated this effort in the past. Tatiana will follow up with them.

### **7.3 IIT Student Chapter Presentation**

- The IIT Student Chapter is requesting funding to participate in the Great Lakes Conference. The cost is \$12,000 overall. They have already raised \$6000, and asked us to contribute whatever we can.
- We decided that we could not make a decision at the time because the entire board was not present. We will discuss and contact the chapter.

- The following week the board agreed to provide them with \$500 in funding.

#### **7.4 Illinois Section Newsletter Article**

- Discussed under section 7.1 above. Tatiana and Katie Kukielka will draft an article on the Asian Carp issue.

#### **7.5 Other new business**

- None

#### **8. Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.