

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

April 13, 2010 - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Arun Heer, Treasurer	HDR
Sandy Homola, Secretary	Teng
Graig Neville, Past Chair	Manhard
Thera Baldauf	MWH
Catherine Hurley	MWH
Katie Owens	2IM Group
Katie Kukielka	AECOM
Matt Miller	HNTB
William Chu	Milhouse
Jonathon Grabony	MWRD
Pat Lach	Hey and Associates
Megan Elberts	CMAA
Jeff Williams	
Chetan Kale	EDI
Ryan Walter	EDI
Don Oliphant	CBBEL
Joe Lang	Gaiatech
Karen Kabbes	Kabbes Engineering

1. Call to Order

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

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approved with minor change to Item 6.4: Water Efficiency/Conservation Dinner Seminar. The room for this event can hold 70 people, not 50 as noted in the minutes. Last month's minutes have been corrected.

3. Treasurer's Report.

- Report approved.
- Arun is looking into switching banks.

4. Subcommittee Report

4.1 Scholarships- Katie Kukielka

- We received 4 applications for the scholarships, 2 undergraduates and 2 graduates. We will be giving out both scholarships at the spring dinner.

5. Old Business

5.1 EE&WR Web Page - Pat Lach

- Will be discussed under the Section Meeting update.

5.2 IIT Student Chapter Donation

- The board voted to support IIT with a \$500 donation, the same amount that was given to the UIC student group.

5.3 Haiti Fundraiser – Katie Owens

- Katie has been speaking with the manager of Trader Todd's. Working out packages for drinks and/or light food.

- Matt Miller has agreed to assist Katie with this event.
- Will coordinate with Sean Murphy from EWB to ask how successful their recent fundraiser was.
- May want to mention event to the other ASCE groups. Would they be interested in co-hosting? And do they think it is still a relevant cause?

5.4 Other Old Business

- IAFSM Stills owes us money from the MWRD/LOMR Seminar. Pat Lach will follow up with them.

6. Seminars and Courses

6.1 LEED Seminar - Chetan Kale.

- Chetan has been in contact with a speaker, but he needs dates.
- It was brought up that the Urban Planning group just had a similar seminar that presented a draft of the new LEED regulations.
- We may want to wait to do seminar until new program is official with the USGBC. Chetan will check with USGBC for a timeframe.

6.2 Bioswales Presentation - Pat Lach

- No update. Pat is waiting to hear back from the Tollway Authority.

6.3 BMP Seminar – Graig Neville/Katie Owens

- No update. Graig is working with IAFSM.

6.4 Water Efficiency/ Conservation Dinner Seminar – Megan Elberts/Katie Owens

- There are 2 confirmed speakers, but Megan is not hearing back from the other 2. Professor Rockney for UIC is not responding.
- Cost per plate is \$26. We need 35 people to break even. The room can fit 70 people
- A teaser was sent out to the group last month, but we have not received any responses.
- It was suggested that the event be moved to a later date. However, we have already put an ad in the Section newsletter with the date and confirmed it with the restaurant and speakers.
- It was decided that we should move forward with the May 5th date. We will send out additional information to the group and try to nail down 2 additional speakers.

6.5 Geo-RAS Course – Tatiana Papakos

- Arun looked into using the UIC labs to save money on the course. They do not have ARCGIS on the lab machines. They did not seem very positive about the opportunity due to issues with using licensed software for a profitable course.
- Jonathon Grabony suggested the training room that ESRI has at their downtown location.
- May not be able to present this course if the cost is too high.

6.6 SWCD Urban Manual Update – Matt Bardol

- No update.

6.7 Liquid Assets – Graig Neville/Katie Owens

- No update.

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

- Arun is looking into it. Still needs to find an instructor.
- Based on early information, it could either be a 1-2 hour seminar or a half day workshop.

6.9 SUSTAIN BMP Analysis Tool

- Tatiana's company (Tetrattech) developed the software. They are currently scheduling seminars around the country, but none are currently scheduled for Chicago.

- We can look into co-hosting a Chicago date.

6.10 New Seminars

- None.

7. New Business

7.1 Illinois Section Meeting – Pat Lach

- Student Scholarship dinner is April 22nd. The deadline to sign up has been extended.
- The section has started using Google Calendar, and they are encouraging the other groups to do the same. Brian Luke is currently in charge of updating the calendar for all groups. They would like each group to create a profile and take responsibility for their own updates.
- Don Oliphant has volunteered to take responsibility for setting up an EEW account.

7.2 Chicago River Day

- Arun will work with Friends of the Chicago River to select a site and put a call out for volunteers.

7.3 EWRI Presentation – Karen Kabbes

- Karen gave the group an overview of ASCE affiliated Environmental and Water Resources Institute.
- She provided information on their structure and activities, how we would fit in, and the process to become a section of EWRI if we choose to do so.
- We will discuss the presentation and option of joining EWRI at the next meeting.

7.4 Other new business

- Katie Owens suggested getting involved with Adopt a Highway. The commitment is only twice a year and IDOT provides the bags and safety gear. Katie will get additional information for the next meeting.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:45.