

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

May 11, 2010 - Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Tatiana Papakos, Chair	Tetra Tech
Arun Heer, Treasurer	HDR
Sandy Homola, Secretary	Teng
Thera Baldauf	MWH
Katie Owens	2IM Group
Katie Kukielka	AECOM
Matt Miller	HNTB
Pat Lach	Hey and Associates
Megan Elberts	CMAP
Jeff Williams	Hanson
Don Oliphant	CBBEL
Joe Lang	Gaiatech
Rachael Berthiaume	V3

1. Call to Order

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

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

- Minutes approved as is. However, Katie Owens would like to note that she reported the information for the Adopt a Highway program (Item # 7.4) incorrectly last month. The commitment is 4 times a year, not twice a year.

3. Treasurer's Report.

- Report approved.

3.1. Changing Bank Accounts

- Arun began looking into changing banks but is currently waiting as the IL Section is looking at bylaws.

4. Subcommittee Reports

4.1. Student Outreach and Scholarships- Katie Kukielka

- No new activities. The spring awards dinner went well.

5. Old Business

5.1. EE&WR Web Page - Pat Lach

- Pat will be updating the web page with new photos very soon.

5.2. EE&WR Google Calendar – Don Oliphant

- Don set up an EE&WR gmail account and calendar.
- The address is EEWR.ILASCE@gmail.com
- Don will remain the contact for updates to the calendar.

5.3. Water Efficiency/ Conservation Dinner Seminar – Megan Elberts/Kristi Root

- The event was a success. We had 3 speakers and 16 attendees. The event facilitated a good conversation between speakers and attendees.
- We received a lot of positive feedback on the vent.
- Professor Rockney from UIC has volunteered himself and other professors to assist with similar seminars in the future.

5.4. Chicago River Day – Arun Heer

- The event went well. 4 EE&WR members attended. The site we volunteered at had a large group and got a lot accomplished.

5.5. Haiti Fundraiser – Katie Owens

- Katie was considering piggybacking the fundraiser on the EE&WR summer social event. Some members of the group did not feel this was a good idea, but the majority agreed that it would be ok.
- Event details will be sent out to all ASCE groups.
- Katie will look into a raffle to raise additional funds. EE&WR would purchase one item to donate to the raffle.
- Paid entrance can include 1 or 2 raffles tickets. Additional tickets can be purchased.
- EE&WR will pay for appetizers at the event to bring down the cost per person to attend. Drink will be covered in the paid entrance package.
- YMG social events occur the 2nd Thursday of every month. Be sure our event does not conflict.

5.6. Adpot A Highway – Katie Owens

- The site commitment is 4 times a year.
- We could inquire if other ASCE groups would be interested in assisting.
- Katie will contact IDOT to determine if there is a minimum # of people or multi-year commitment required.

5.7. Other Old Business

- None.

6. Seminars and Courses

6.1. LEED Seminar - Chetan Kale.

- Chetan was unable to attend the meeting. However, the group discussed the course.
- It may not be feasible to host such a course. There are lots of similar seminars available from other groups including many put on by the USGBC.
- May be best to just direct people to the USGBC website for information on courses rather than hosting our own or teaming up with them.
- We will wait to hear what Chetan had envisioned for the seminar content to determine if it is worth hosting an event.

6.2. Bioswales Presentation - Pat Lach

- The Tollway is interested in presenting the seminar, we just need to select a date.
- They would prefer to have the event in the suburbs. Pat is considering having it in Oakbrook.
- Pat will look into August and September dates. September would be best.
- We may add other sustainable initiative topics to the seminar.

6.3. BMP Seminar – Graig Neville/Katie Owens

- No update.

6.4. Geo-RAS Course – Tatiana Papakos

- UIC is willing to work out a deal to allow us to host the event in their computer labs.
- Dr. Rockney supports the seminar and said that we should be able to use the university's ArcView licenses. In exchange, we would need to plan the seminar at a time that it would be accessible to UIC students.
- Arun will speak with Dr. Rockney to discuss dates and times.

6.5. SWCD Urban Manual Update – Matt Bardol

- No update.

6.6. Liquid Assets – Graig Neville/Katie Owens

- UIC is very receptive to setting up a viewing on campus. Katie has the number to reserve a lecture center.
- Pat Lach has several copies of the DVD that he could provide for the viewing.

- We would like to hold a group discussion after the viewing.
- A possible second viewing with CMAP was also suggested. Megan Elberts thought CMAP would be interested.
- Any viewing would need to be an evening event, but it may not be successful in the summer due to other activities.
- We may be able to ask the IL Section board for funds to provide pizza at the event as it may fit under their student outreach budget. Pat Lach will follow up with the board.

6.7. HEC-23/HEC-RAS Bridge Scour – Arun Heer

- Arun is having a hard time finding a local instructor.
- Jeff Williams thought ACEC may have a local contact.

6.8. SUSTAIN BMP Analysis Tool – Tatiana Papakos

- Tatiana spoke with people at Tetra Tech who developed the software. They just hosted a seminar in DuPage County in March and would not be open to doing it again any time soon.
- We will put this off until next year.

6.9. New Seminars

- None.

7. New Business

7.1. Illinois Section Meeting – Tatiana Papakos

- The section is trying to start a construction institute.
- A presentation on the national report card is coming up.
- The Urban Planning Group is doing a BD seminar on May 20th.
- The Golf Tournament will be May 27th. The board is asking if groups would like to sponsor a hole for \$250. The money goes to scholarships. We have done this in the past. Arun will check the budget, and if we have allocated money for it, we will sponsor a hole.

7.2. EWRI Chapter/Membership

- Everyone feels positive about joining EWRI.
- Before we can commit, we need to look into our group bylaws to see how we would deal with non-engineers in our group.
- Tatiana will discuss this with the IL Section Board and EWRI to determine how everything will work.
- We will make a decision at next month's meeting.

7.3. Other new business

- None.

8. Adjourn

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.