

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

February 10, 2009, Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Graig Neville, Chair	Manhard
Arun Heer, Secretary	HDR
Thera Baldauf	MWH
Jeff Williams	GC Engineering
Matt Bardol	CGL
Adam Hacker	HDR
Chetan Kale	EDI
Manoj Bheattarai	MWH
Jeffrey Crocker	Primera
Carrie Westhoff	Delta
John Fehlberg	Primera

1. Call to order

- Greg Neville called the meeting to order at 5:44 pm.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Minutes were approved by the group

3. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's report was approved. The Quickbooks version of the budget was not presented.

4. Subcommittee Report

- Sandra was not present to discuss Public Outreach.
- Katie was not present, however relayed the message to the group that no scholarships have been submitted. The application was distributed through the UIC ASCE listserv as well as contacts provided by Tatiana.
- It was also reported that Dr. Reddy of UIC set-up three student chapter presentations, at UIC Northwestern and IIT in order to promote membership and scholarships.

5. Old Business

- EE&WR Web Page - no changes presented
- Future Cities Competition – Competition went well.
- No other news on old business

6. Seminars and Courses

- Pumps Seminar - no report. It was discussed by the group to try to focus on a specific application of pumping for the course. A preliminary for a focus is on waste water and pumping stations. Chetan has volunteered to help with this effort.
- APWA Seminar - no report.
- HSPF - Graig included teaser in last newsletter, no interest yet. Katie reported that several AECOM employees are interested in the seminar. Graig requested a follow up with a specific number of attendees
- Recarga - Matt Bardol presented a summary of the RECARGA course including estimated budgeting information (attached). Graig spoke of contacting the AMCOE and IDNR about the relevance of the model in IL. Instructor would be Rob Montgomery and the group will aim to send out a registration form in May or June. The group will also aim to send out an advertisement in the April newsletter.
- GIS Dinner Seminar - No news. The group is still planning on holding the seminar sometime in July.

- LEED Seminar – Chetan volunteered to help gather the details involved in organizing this seminar. Carrie will contact YMG and discuss the LEED course they held in the past. Carrie will also contact the instructor YMG used for the seminar.
- Other new courses – The group discussed the possibility of having a HEC-HMS course this year.

7. New Business

- Graig presented some information from the Illinois section meeting.
 - A membership drive is going on, and brochures were passed out.
 - Information on a IDOT scholarship was mentioned.
 - A LEED study workshop will be held in Schaumburg on the 26th of February.
 - The ASCE annual dinner will be on some Thursday in October at the Art Institute.
 - ASCE Spring dinner is approaching. Date is not known at this time.
 - The Minority Affairs Committee will be having a social activity on July 22nd. Also the Minority Affairs golf outing will be in May.
 - IIT may need engineers to assist with their e-week activities on February 21st. Anyone who is interested should contact Don Wittmer.
 - The new ASCE report card to come out in on March 1st. It was reported that the infrastructure ratings are worst than last year.
- Engineers Without Borders – Dan Hollander gave a verbal presentation of EWB's Chicago/Cuetzala de la Reforma, Mex Project and requested funding for the implementation phase of the project. The project involved reuse of water and improving sanitation hand washing stations at local schools. EE and WR passed a motion to donate \$500 towards the project.
- Other New Business - Graig informed the group that Kay Whitlock is looking for applications and candidates for ERWI diplomats. Also, the group discussed ways to increase membership including having a booth for EE and WR at next years IASFM conference, tagging reminders to group emails about renewing membership, and including information on how funds for courses and seminars will be used on future advertisements.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Graig at 6:57pm.