

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

January 13, 2009, Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Graig Neville, Chair	Manhard
Heather Henneman, Treasurer	Black & Veatch
Tatiana Hernandez, Vice Chair	Tetra Tech
Matt Miller	HNTB
Katie Kukielka	AECOM
Kristi Root	Greenley & Hansen
Adam Hacker	HDR
Chetan Kale	EDI
Brigid Briskin	USACE
Kallan Mrozek	USACE
Aruch Poonsapaya	MWRDGC
Gary Paradoski	Applied Ecological Services

1. Call to order

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting

- Heather noted that the treasury report should be titled 'October 2008'
- Minutes were approved by (1) Adam, (2) Matthew

3. Treasurer's Report

- 2 forms of the Treasurer's Report were handed out; the old format and the new format using Quicken
- Holiday party went over-budget (more expensive this year than in past)
- One CD matured and was renewed
- Treasurer's report approved by (1) Adam, (2) Tatiana

4. Subcommittee Report

- Sandra was not present to discuss Public Outreach
- No scholarships have been submitted to Katie yet; Tatiana to forward her some of the university contacts for her to e-mail and send out information

5. Old Business

- EE&WR Web Page - no changes presented
- SWMM course - no news, take off agenda
- Holiday party went well
- No other news on old business

6. Seminars and Courses

- Pumps Seminar - no news
- APWA Seminar - no news
- HSPF - Graig included teaser in last newsletter, no interest yet
- Recarga - Matt Bardol is working on putting together the budget for a potential one-day Recarga workshop. We estimated approximately a \$2,500 budget. The focus would be Wetland Permitting, and it may be useful since the U.S. Fish & Wildlife is beginning to require it. It is estimated that we would want about 40-50 attendees. The workshop would most likely take place in the suburbs (i.e. Rosemont) and could be organized for May/June.

- GIS Dinner Seminar - There was definitely interest in this seminar, and we are in the early planning stages. We still need to find an instructor/venue, but feel we could draw on experience of our own members. We are still in the process of narrowing down the scope, but talked about hydro applications and showing example projects done at our companies. It was also proposed that there could be a follow-up course to this one (GeoRAS, Hydro tools), depending on the level of interest. This would tentatively be a July seminar.
- Other new courses - We discussed possibly doing a seminar on LEED Certification/requirements. NPDES/SWPP course was also offered as a suggestion. We decided to contact IASFP to see what they are planning on offering the near future. Graig also proposed that we look at other ASCE technical group schedules to see what courses have been offered recently (so we don't give similar courses at the same time).

7. New Business

- Graig presented some information from the Illinois section meeting.
 - February 21st is E-Week (IIT Rice Campus, DuPage County). They are possibly looking for some volunteers to help out with events for kids.
 - May 21st will be the date for the Minority Golf Outing
 - ASCE Illinois section is organizing another government visit in Springfield (most likely in the spring)
 - Urban Planning Group did a LEED seminar on December 11; we want to contact them to see what they went over in case we do a LEED seminar.
- Future Cities - EE&WR is sponsoring two special awards. We need judges from the group on Saturday, February 24th. The event takes place at 8:00 AM, Student Center East, 3rd floor. Graig, Heather, Tatiana, and Chetan volunteered as special awards judges. This fulfills our quota, but more people are welcome to attend.
- Engineers Without Borders - no news
- Draft Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance - This was reviewed by EE&WR for comments. Graig has already done a preliminary review, and will forward to interested parties for more input. There was some controversy over new floodplain definitions which would impact the elevations used in drainage studies.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Graig at 6:27 pm.