

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

June 10, 2008, Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Catherine Hurley, Chair	MWH
Graig Neville, Vice Chair	Manhard
Tatiana Hernandez, Treasurer	Tetra Tech
Heather Henneman, Secretary	Black & Veatch
Thera Baldauf, Past Chair	MWH
Pat Lach, Past Chair	Hey & Associates
Arun Heer	HDR
Aruch Poonsapaya	MWRDGC
Andy Frano	Bloom Companies, LLC
Katie Owens	UIC
Matt Bardol	Cowhey Gumundson Leder
Sandy Homola	V3
Jeff Williams	GC Engineering
Gary Paradoski	Applied Ecological Services

1. Call to Order

Catherine Hurley called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The May minutes were presented and approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's reports for April and May 2008 were presented and approved. Graig Neville will follow up with Gary Jereb regarding the \$300 check that has not been cashed to this date. Check 1256 made out to IIT Torch has been assumed void since it has not been cashed for over one year.

4. Old Business

- 4.1. UIC Concrete Canoe Competition Results – Katie Owens reported on the concrete canoe competition that took place April 24-27, 2008, in Evansville, Indiana. The team named their canoe Sunfire. Thirty-six members participated (compared to 14 last year), and the team placed 3rd overall. The Women's competition placed 4th out of 10. The canoe eventually failed due to the reinforcement mesh not extending all the way to the top of the canoe. Katie thanked EE&WR for sponsoring the team.
- 4.2. Other Old Business - Website – Pat Lach reported that the EE&WR website is up. Pat requested from Heather Henneman the meeting minutes for the past two years in order to include them on the website. Catherine recommended the web page become a standing item on the agenda and that a link to the site be included in email updates.

5. Seminars and Courses

- 5.1. EPA-SWMM – Catherine reported on behalf of Mandeera Wagle that the course

would be held in September 2008. The July/August newsletter will include a flyer for the course.

- 5.2. Basic HEC-RAS – Arun Heer presented a draft flyer for the course. The budget for the course was approved. He noted that the course would be held at a UIC facility which would eliminate the need to rent laptops for the course. To determine the number of professional development hours associated with a course, 1 PDH = 50 minutes of course time. Arun will coordinate with Pat to put a link to the course agenda on the EE&WR website. Ideas for other ways to distribute course information electronically were discussed, including storing course materials on a USB stick, rather than on CD. It was thought it might cost \$100-200 to do this for a course. Pat will investigate the cost of purchasing USB sticks in bulk.
- 5.3. Pumps Seminar – No report available.
- 5.4. APWA / SAME Joint Seminar – Sandy Homola has not yet been able to get in contact with Jorge. The topic for the seminar has not yet been determined, but the seminar will be held in Medina, Illinois. It was noted that the first time we could joint sponsor is in November.
- 5.5. SAME North Branch Joint Seminar – Catherine reported that a lunch seminar will be held Thursday, October 9, at the Highland Park Country Club. The topic will be Sustainability/ Carbon Footprint presented by Dr. John Norton, MWH. EE&WR ASCE is providing the speaker; however, we do not raise money from this event. The cost of the seminar is \$35. Catherine will put together a 1/2-page flyer for the September newsletter.
- 5.6. Other New Courses. (1) Graig Neville suggested hosting an HSPF course, perhaps in early 2009. (2) Matt Bardol discussed Recarga, which is used for sizing raingardens, swales, and other LID alternatives. He noted that only a two to four hour training session would be needed, so a ½-day training course would be reasonable. It would fit in well with a BMP seminar. (3) Catherine will prepare a teaser for the newsletter to determine level of interest in various courses. The teaser will also be emailed to the EE&WR mailing list.

6. New Business

- 6.1. Illinois Section Meeting – Catherine reported that the date for the annual meeting will be changed, but is not yet set. The ASCE draft budget will be published in the July/August newsletter. Illinois legislation regarding funding for infrastructure did not pass.
 - 6.1.1 Section Award Nominations – Thera Baldauf is co-chair of the ASCE Awards Committee. July 15 is the deadline for nominations, and none have yet been received. Peter Wallers was our nominee last year for Civil Engineer of the Year. Thera will find out whether nominees are rolled forward from previous years. Pat will prepare a nomination package for “Public Involvement” to nominate EE&WR. Heather will contact Linda Sorn regarding nominating her for Government Civil Engineer of the Year Award. Catherine encouraged meeting attendees to solicit nominees from their respective companies.
- 6.2. Summer Social Meetings – The EE&WR July meeting will be held Tuesday, July 8, outdoors at the Park Grill located in Millennium Park. EE&WR will provide appetizers. The possibility of holding a second summer activity, perhaps in August at the Shedd Aquarium, was discussed.

The Midwest Levee Conference will be held June 2-5, 2008, in St. Louis. More information will follow.

- 6.3. Illinois Report Card – Water Portion – An infrastructure report card will be prepared at the State level. This is similar to the National report card. Abdul Khan is leading the effort. The public sector will be contacted for data. Heather and Tatiana have volunteered to assist with the water portion of the report card. Others interested in volunteering should contact Catherine by June 30.
- 6.4. Other New Business – A new secretary will be selected in the fall. We are considering establishing additional positions, e.g., a scholarship coordinator.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8.

7. Adjourn

Catherine adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.