

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

March 11, 2008, Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Graig Neville, Vice Chair	Manhard
Tatiana Hernandez, Treasurer	Tetra Tech
Heather Henneman, Secretary	Black & Veatch
Manoj Bhattarai	MWH
Jan Shackelford	Baxter & Woodman
Matt Miller	HNTB
Carrie Westhoff	Kudrna & Associates
Arun Heer	HDR
Chetan Kale	EDI
Andre Haynes	Milhouse Engineering
Aruch Poonsapaya	MWRDGC
Andy Frano	Bloom Companies, LLC
Katie Owens	UIC

1. Call to Order

Graig Neville called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The February minutes were presented and approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

4. Old Business

- 4.1. Flood Permitting Seminar – Matt Miller reported on the IDNR Flood Permitting Seminar held at Maggiano's in Schaumburg on February 13, 2008. Eighty-three (83) people attended; however, the restaurant only charged for 80. Even so, the seminar lost \$100. This was primarily due to the restaurant not including the 20 percent service and commission charge in their price estimate. Matt created a template receipt for use with seminars, and he will send it to Tatiana Hernandez. Gary Jereb was a good presenter, and we received good feedback. Regarding the venue, Matt reported that the food was great, but the adjoining room was too loud. Most of the attendees were from the Schaumburg area. Matt has some extra copies of the presentation slides.
- 4.2. Scholarships – Tatiana Hernandez reported that seven applications were received by the March 7 deadline. Tatiana will email those who volunteered to assist with the scholarship review. UIC and IIT students applied, and only one graduate student applied. EE&WR had planned to award one graduate scholarship and one undergraduate scholarship. However, the scholarship committee may use its discretion as to award a scholarship to the graduate student applicant or to award two scholarships at the undergraduate level.
- 4.3. Website – Heather Henneman provided information from Pat Lach, who could not attend. We have a webpage format to be used, and we'll be creating one with all

of the EE&WR information hopefully in the next month.

- 4.4. UIC Concrete Canoe – Katie Owens reported that the canoe building is in process. The team plans to give a presentation to EE&WR after the competition.
- 4.5. Other Old Business – No other old business was presented.

5. Seminars and Courses

- 5.1. BMP Seminar –Graig Neville has not yet heard from the U of I Professor, and he will follow-up.
- 5.2. TMDL Seminar – Tatiana Hernandez. Currently, this course is on hold. Tatiana is seeking a local speaker to help reduce cost and, hence, cost to participants.
- 5.3. EPA-SWMM – No update.
- 5.4. Recarga Model – Matt Bardol. Matt was not present to provide an update.
- 5.5. Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Catherine Hurley. Catherine was not present to provide an update.
- 5.6. Other New Courses. (1) HEC courses, including HMS and RAS. National ASCE “Dam Breach Analysis Using HEC-RAS” course taking place in Chicago, April 16-18. Discussed sponsoring a Basic HEC-RAS workshop in late 2008. Suggested instructors include Dave Williams and Vern Bonner. Arun Heer volunteered to organize a course. (2) Andy Frano asked whether EE&WR has ever considered hosting a pharmaceutical contamination course, given all the latest media about the problem. (3) A LEED Seminar was discussed. EE&WR hosted an introductory seminar in 2006. USGBC usually hosts training at the Chicago Center for Green Technology.

6. New Business

- 6.1. Illinois Section Meeting

No updates provided.

- 6.2. Chicago River Day

Chicago River Day will be Saturday, May 10. Last year activities included weeding and mulching paths along the Chicago River.

- 6.3. Midwest Levee Conference

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

- 6.4. Technical Group Introduction for Students.

Tatiana Hernandez is the EE&WR liaison with the other Illinois Section technical groups. There are five technical groups who want to sponsor an event for graduating seniors. Students often don't join ASCE after graduating, and the technical groups are hoping to encourage participation with the event. UIC feedback suggests April 30 or May 1 would

work best for an event. Tatiana reported the organizers would like to do something off-campus. Katie Owens suggested the event not be formal, rather it should be as laid back as possible. Current estimates for the event are \$500-\$1,000 per technical group. Tatiana also suggested that other EE&WR members consider attending the event to boost the number of working professionals with whom students could interact at the event.

6.5. Other New Business

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8.

7. Adjourn

Graig adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.