

**American Society of Civil Engineers
Illinois Section**



Environmental Engineering & Water Resources Technical Group

May 13, 2008 – Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Catherine Hurley, Chair	MWH
Graig Neville, Vice Chair	Manhard Consulting, Ltd.
Thera Baldauf, Past Chair	MWH
Sandy Homola	V3 Companies
Aruch Poonsapaya	MWRDGC
Mandeera Wagle	CDM
Carrie Westhoff	Kudrna
Jan Shackelford	Baxter & Woodman
Patrick Lach	Hey & Associates
Gary Paradoski	Applied Ecological Services
Arun Heer	HDR

1. Call to Order

Catherine Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

The April meeting minutes were presented and approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's April Report will be presented and approved at the June Meeting. Catherine noted that the CD will be up for renewal.

4. Old Business

4.1. Chicago River Day

EE & WR participated in the Annual Chicago River Day Clean Up on Saturday, May 10th. This year's clean up site was located at the Ashland stop on the Orange Line. Catherine reported that approximately 22 people volunteered.

4.2. President Elect/Student Scholarship

EE&WR sponsored a table for the President Elect/Spring Scholarship Dinner on Wednesday, April 16th. Catherine Hurley presented two \$2000 checks to Eric Radloff and Kathryn Weissman. The Geotechnical Group presented a check for \$2500. Catherine suggested that EE&WR consider increasing the scholarship amount for next year.

4.3. Technical Group Introduction for Students

The event was held at Rock Bottom Brewery on Thursday, May 1st. Arun, Catherine, and Tatiana attended the event. Twelve students from IIT, UIC and NU attended the event, along with 11 professionals from five different technical groups. All technical groups had

people in attendance except for Urban Planning and Development Group. Students suggested that the event be held at another time during the year that would fit better in their schedules to increase attendance.

4.4. Other Old Business

Web Page – Pat asked for suggestions for what should be shown on the Group’s web page. Suggestions included volunteer opportunities, meeting links, creation of a group e-mail address, links to handouts from seminars and classes. Catherine will provide Pat information for the meeting link.

ASCE Midwest Levee Conference – Catherine provided flyers for the SAME-ASCE Midwest Levee Conference to be held June 2 -5 in St. Louis, Missouri.

5. Seminars and Courses

5.1. BMP Seminar – Graig Neville

Nothing to report this month, topic tabled.

5.2. TMDL Seminar – Tatiana Hernandez

Nothing to report this month. Topic will remain on agenda and will be included in teaser advertisement to see if there is interest.

5.3. EPA SWMM – Mandeera Maritime

Mandeera reported that a date for the course has been set for September 16th and 17th at CDM. The instructor will be Mitchell Heineman of CDM. The 2-day informative course will cover basic and advanced SWMM modules. The breakeven for the course was set at 11 attendees, with the maximum class size set at 20. Cost for the seminar will be \$800 for early registration/\$900 for late registration. Mandeera will prepare an advertisement for the July/August Section Newsletter.

5.4. Recarga Model – Matt Bardol

Nothing to report this month.

5.5. Basic HEC-RAS – Arun Heer

Arun has taken the lead on this seminar. He will coordinate and contact the instructor, Vern Bonner to inquire the maximum classroom size he will be comfortable teaching. Tentatively, the maximum classroom size will be 25 attendees, with a breakeven of 12. Arun will investigate possibly holding the course at UIC and will prepare an advertisement for the July/August Section Newsletter.

5.6. Pumps Seminar

Denise Armbruster has found an instructor for a ½ day or evening pump seminar. The Group is looking to hold this seminar in November.

5.7. APWA/SAME Joint Seminar

Jorge Cruz of APWA has inquired if EE&WR would be interested in helping coordinate a joint seminar. They are looking for a speaker for their monthly lunch meeting held at the Medina Banquet Facility. Sandra Homola volunteered to take the lead on this activity.

SAME North Branch has inquired if EE&WR would be interested in helping coordinate a joint seminar in September or October at the Highland Park County Club. Catherine will coordinate and bring more information to the next meeting.

5.8. Other New Courses

Lunch Meeting - Catherine has a potential speaker for a lunchtime meeting covering greenhouse emissions and sustainable carbon foot printing. She will coordinate and provide more information for the next meeting.

The Group is looking for ideas for potential seminars covering topics relating to sustainable green technology or environmental industry. Contact Catherine with ideas.

6. New Business

6.1. Illinois Section Meeting

Minority Affairs is having their Annual Golf Outing Thursday, May 22nd, and are looking for sponsors. Catherine asked for a motion to support a \$250 donation.

The Harold Washington Library is planning to host a Fall Dinner. Catherine made a suggestion that EE&WR should consider sponsoring a table.

6.2. UIC Concrete Canoe Competition Results

Students were unable to attend this month's meeting. Catherine will coordinate with the students to reschedule.

6.3. Summer Social Meetings

The group discussed the idea of having a summer social meeting in July. Pat suggested the Shedd Aquarium. Additional, suggestions for a social activity can be discussed at the June meeting.

6.4. Other New Business

No Other New Business

6. Adjourn

Catherine adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.