

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

**October 14, 2008, Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Graig Neville, Chair	Manhard
Heather Henneman, Vice Chair	Black & Veatch
Arun Heer, Secretary	HDR
Catherine Hurley, Past Chair	MWH
Thera Baldauf, Past Chair	MWH
Sandy Homola	V3
Denise Armbruster	MWH
Katie Kukielka	CTE   AECOM
Adam Hacker	HDR
Amir Zamani	RME
Aruch Poonsapaya	MWRDGC

**1. Call to Order**

Graig Neveille called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The September minutes were presented and approved with a corrected title for the APWA/SAME Joint Seminar in section 5.3 to read APWA only.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for September 2008 was presented and approved after some discussion. It was noted that there is one outstanding check relating to advertising for the July/August newsletter. Catherine also gave Heather receipts that will need to be incorporated into the next report.

**4. Subcommittee Report**

In the Subcommittee Report for September 2008 Sandra decided she will be focusing on Public Outreach. Ideas were discussed for future public outreach activities including informational booths at a state fair pertaining to water awareness. It was suggested that Mark from FluidClarity be contacted for ideas and guidance for engaging in public outreach activities.

**5. Old Business**

- 5.1 EE&WR Web Page – No changes were presented.
- 5.2 September Social Activity – Catherine reported on the September Social Activity at Harry Carey's a said the event was a great success. We had a number of members attend including committee and non-committee members. Graig suggested the group brainstorm ideas for future functions and coordinate an activity with Mary Anne O'toole.
- 5.3 EPA SWMM – Mandeerra Wagle was not present to report, however it was relayed to the group that the course was successful with 12 attendees and a report on the finances will be given at the next meeting.

- 5.4 SAME North Branch Joint Seminar – Catherine reported that the event was successful and all organizers were pleased with the turnout.
- 5.5 Other Old Business –Catherine reported the UIC student chapter will not be doing a golf outing this year.

## **6. Seminars and Courses**

- 6.1 Pumps Seminar – Denise reported the presenter for the pumps seminar is no longer available. Ideas for other presenters such as local pump vendors and employees of MWRDGC were suggested to replace the previous instructor.
- 6.2 APWA Seminar – Sandra reported that there is still no topic in place.
- 6.3 HSPF – Graig suggested that a teaser be put in the newsletter to assess the interest in the course.
- 6.4 Recarga – Matt Bardol was not present to report on the status of the course. Sandra expressed that she has attended the course in the past for a half day seminar focusing on BMP's. Sandra stated she will contact Madison to gather details.
- 6.5 Other New Courses – Sandra reported that IAFSM contacted her to see if EE and WR could assist in the advertising of an upcoming FEQ course. The group decided we would assist in this advertising. Also discussed was that HEC courses should be put on hold next year due to the economic turndown. Dinner seminars were suggested as a replacement to the course and Heather will look into the feasibility of hosting a GIS related to water resources seminar in early Spring 2009.

## **7. New Business**

- 7.1 Illinois Section Meeting – Catherine attended the section meeting and reported that we need to send the IL Section Treasurer our September balance sheet. Catherine also reported on the topics of the section meeting including Future Cities, a committee to support ASCE involvement in permitting for the Olympics, Destination Imagination, ASCE Infrastructure Report Card, Minority Affairs, and the Liquid Assets film feature.
- 7.2 ASCE Annual Dinner – It was stated that everything was in place for EE and WR to attend the annual dinner and that a check needed to be sent for 2 additional seats.
- 7.3 2009 Budget – Heather will present 2009 budget at the next meeting.
- 7.4 December Holiday Party – Arun agreed to contact Greek Islands to set up the holiday party for either the first or second week of December.
- 7.5 Future Cities Competition – It was agreed by the group that the same categories used last year for judging will be used this year as well. Matt Miller will attend the next meeting to discuss the details of the competition.
- 7.6 Other New Business – The group expressed officer transfers for banking purposes need to be completed. Also the group will be looking into using Quickbooks for bookkeeping next year.

## **8. Adjourn**

Graig adjourned the meeting at 6:39pm. Next meeting will be at MWH on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2008.