

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

**November 11, 2008, Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Graig Neville, Chair	Manhard
Heather Henneman, Vice Chair	Black & Veatch
Arun Heer, Secretary	HDR
Catherine Hurley, Past Chair	MWH
Jeff Williams	GC Engineering
Matt Miller	HNTB
Katie Kukielka	AECOM
James Gower	AECOM
Amir Zamani	RME
Lee Guethle	AECOM
Steven D. Thompson	AECOM
Kristi Root	Greenley & Hansen
Paul Shadrake	AECOM

**1. Call to Order**

Graig Neville called the meeting to order at 5:36 pm.

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The October meeting minutes were presented and approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for November 2008 was presented and approved after noting all outstanding items have cleared as of the current date.

**4. Subcommittee Report**

In the Subcommittee Report for November 2008 Katie reported that the 2009 scholarship was complete and passed out the application for review. Sandy was not present for an update.

**5. Old Business**

- 5.1 EE&WR Web Page – No changes were presented.
- 5.2 EPA SWMM – Mandeerra Wagle was not present to report, however it was relayed to the group that the course was successful with 12 attendees. Jeff stated he attended the course and the course went well.
- 5.3 ASCE Annual Dinner– Catherine reported that a total of 12 members attended the annual dinner and the event went well; however the length of the speech by the guest speaker was commented on by the group.
- 5.4 Other Old Business – None reported.

## **6. Seminars and Courses**

- 6.1 Pumps Seminar – Denise was not present to report. It was reported, at the October meeting, 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 was not present to report. It was reported at the October meeting 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. Graig suggested that a teaser be placed in the newsletter.
- 6.5 GIS Dinner Seminar – Heather discussed some preliminary ideas for the seminar, however more coordination with Tatiana is needed before anymore progress can be made. Kristi also volunteered to help in this effort.
- 6.6 Other New Courses – None

## **7. New Business**

- 7.1 Illinois Section Meeting – Graig attended the meeting and reported that the ASCE annual report card may be postponed to spring or fall of 2010. Graig also reported the Illinois Section is looking for volunteers on various committees, and if members would like to get involved contact Graig for details.
- 7.2 2009 Budget – Heather will presented the budget and reported an approximate budget deficit of \$5,400 for the upcoming year due to the anticipated lack of courses the group will be holding. The group discussed some ways to make up or decrease the deficit such as transferring the group's CD to a better interest rate, better planning for courses and seminars, and change to an interest earning bank account.
- 7.3 Future Cities Competition – Matt Miller gave an overview of the details of the competition and stated the topic for this year is "Water as a Renewable Resource." It was agreed by the group that the same categories for special awards used last year for judging will be used this year as well. The categories will be "unique Design of Open Waterways that Incorporate Natural Habitat", and "Water Conservation and Community Needs." The rewards will be an amount of \$300 each for the winners of each category. The competition will take place on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.4 Scholarships – Katie passed around the 2009 scholarship application form and the group agreed that the February 26<sup>th</sup> deadline is okay. Kristi volunteered to assist Katie with distribution of the scholarships to professors and ASCE student chapter presidents. The scholarships will be in the amount of \$2000, one for an eligible undergraduate, and one for a graduate student.
- 7.5 Newsletter - Graig will finish the 2-3 page article on "Small Dam Permitting" for the newsletter. A secondary article of 1-2 pages will need to be discussed in April.

- 7.6 Other New Business – Tatiana presented a flyer for a job opportunity with Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. Arun will distribute the flyer to members via email.

## **8. Adjourn**

Graig adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm. Next meeting will be at MWH on January 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.