Minutes of Meeting:
Date: April 19, 2017
Time: 2:00pm
Place: Conference Call

2016-2017 Board, Directors, & Standing Committee Members (present if checked):

√ Chair/Executive Secretary Liz Foeller
√ Immediate Past Chair Mike Markey
  Vice Chair Susan Kennedy
√ Secretary/Treasurer Manitia Moultrie
√ Membership and Bylaws Chair Kathy Lockhart
√ Director Mike Kennedy
√ Director Byron Burrows
√ Director/YP Group Christina Akly
  Director Peter Norris
  Director Julianna Duckworth
√ Director Kevin Holbrooks
√ Education Director Upasna Rai
√ Website Director Kurt Westerlund
Guest/YP Representative Kaitlyn Tingum
2017 Technical Conference Chair Joe Brown
Continuing Education Chair Lynn Robinson
Scholarship Chair David Cooper

Liz Foeller, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm EST. A board quorum was present.

Old Business

The March Board minutes were reviewed and approved (with minor edits) for posting to the AWMA website at http://flawma.org/board-of-directors-2/
Update of 2016-2019 Goals

a) Promote information sharing – Susan Butler-Kennedy, Champion
   Check the website for updates and information (i.e., job postings, conferences, webinars, etc.).

b) Grow and promote Florida Section membership - Kathy Lockhart, Champion
   Reported approximately 155 members in the state of Florida and acknowledged that many of the resource tools previously available on the international website are no longer available.

c) Increase revenue for the Florida Section to support programs/scholarships – TBD, Champion
   No report.

d) Energize Florida Chapters
   Upasna Rai, YP/Student Chapters
   Upasna reported that they held an AWMA social in Gainesville to allow students to network.
   Requested information to engage a chapter (or students) at FSU and FAMU in Tallahassee.

   Energize Northeast Chapter - Kevin Holbrooks
   Kevin reported that the Northeast chapter will hold a lunch meeting on April 27th at the Anheiser Busch metal container corporation. They are hoping to have at least 20 in attendance.

e) Encourage Member involvement – All
   Liz confirmed that she is participating on the International AWMA nominating committee and they are searching for individuals interested in additional leadership opportunities now or in the future.

f) Promote YP development - Christina Akly, Champion
   Christina will continuing to subscribe and invite YPs (and other members) to the AWMA technical webinars.

   A meeting is planned with Upasna Rai to discuss YP program for the FL AWMA Conference.

   The Facebook page is active – AWMA-FL YPs and all are encouraged to like the page. The website is also active and Christina thanks Kurt for his assistance. **Action Item:** Liz suggested that everyone join the AWMA-FL YPs page on facebook to support the YPs.

g) Sponsor leadership training – TBD, Champions
   The AWMA annual international leadership training conference will be held Friday, April 21st to Sunday April 23rd. Christina forwarded a request from the UF student chapter president – Robert Nedborn-Gross to attend the leadership training conference.

   Registration: $300
   Hotel Room ($139/night event rate for 3 nights) $417
   Flights: MCO to PIT average round trip around $300
   Approximate total: $1,017.00
A motion was presented by Christina and seconded by Upasna to approve the funding request of ~ $1,100 for attendance at the A&WMA Leadership Training Academy. The motion was approved.

**Action Item:** Liz requested that Robert Nedbor-Gross attend the May Board meeting and provide an overview of the training and any best practices to the group.

h) Update Florida Section website – **Kurt Westerlund**, Champion

Kurt will continue to work with Susan Butler-Kennedy and the Coastal Plains chapter for updates and research site mapping to optimize the website and identify google search tags. [http://flawma.org/](http://flawma.org/)

It was suggested that we need to get focused on the AWMA Conference webpage as this will be important as we solicit sponsors and keep members updated. Also looking to post testimonials or videos on the site to encourage and promote attendance.

**Budget Review/Update**

**Scholarships** In the past, students won scholarships and membership – the process has been posted on the website to clarify that the students will pay the fee and get reimbursed. Student scholarship winners are:

- Maohua Pan  Axel Hendrickson award $1,000 + free student membership
- Robert Nedbor-Gross  Clair Fancy award $1,000 + free student membership
- Choufan Zhou  $500
- Farshad Ebrahim  $250

**ECi Challenge** The list of FL Section Conference ECi Challenge winners are provided below.

1st Place
Kevin Kijanka, Malak Anshassi, Naomi Senehi, Vanessa Soto

2nd Place
Christina Finizio, Christopher Cuevas, Sharez Sohail

The FL team is requesting $6,500 for attendance at the International AWMA meeting.
Liz noted that the proposed team is different than the 1st and 2nd Place team and there is no evidence of funding from other sources. This request would result in an exceedance of the FL AWMA Conference profit given prior distribution of monies for leadership training and scholarships.

It was recommended that we offer a cap of $3000 which would potentially pay for the UF student chapter to send at least four (4) students (which is equivalent to the 1st place team) to attend the International AWMA Conference.

Mike Kennedy – motioned/Byron Burroughs - seconded
Chapter Updates

Coastal Plains - The next general meeting is scheduled for May 4th with a lunch meeting at Gulf Power. The tentative speaker is Nicole Penichet, Ph.D., a Toxicologist with Geosyntec. Nicole will discuss Chapter 62-780 and 62-777 Rules.

The Annual Technical Conference will be held on June 9th at the Gulf Power Addison Auditorium from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm CST. The overall theme for the workshop is the “Effects of the New Administration.” A Half-Day Workshop focused on Emergency Response will be held the day prior from 2 to 5 pm CST. Sponsorship registration is already open and attendee registration will be opening the last week of April.

Tampa Bay – The monthly meeting was held on April 11th. The chapter convened at the Duke Energy Bartow plant for a tour of the facility.

Southeast – The SE chapter bimonthly meeting was postponed until May. The meeting will be hosted at the NextEra Energy Corporate headquarters in Juno Beach. The topic will be “Martin County Solar Facility and Other Solar Projects in FL” and it will be presented by Kevin Washington and Jeff Zuczek from NextEra’s air group.

Northeast – see note above from Kevin Holbrooks.

Conference Updates

The FL AWMA Conference will be held in Tallahassee October 25th – 26th (with the annual board meeting scheduled for October 24th). The contract has been secured and the room block has been set and Joe inquired about those that were interested in participating in the technical committee or the sponsorship committee.

Joe will participate in the Board meetings quarterly as needed to report conference updates to the group. The technical committee has met to develop a framework for the conference. Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:00pm.

Conference leadership follows:
  Joe Brown, Conference Chair
  Liz Foeller, Conference Co-Chair
  Manitia Moultrie, Chair, Technical Program
  Joe Applegate/Nandra Weeks will assist and work with conference sponsorships
  Kaitlyn Tingum and Christine Akly will work with YP and undergraduate program.

Other Items

The next FL AWMA Board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017.

Adjourn

Liz Foeller adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm EST.

Signed:

Manitia Moultrie  Liz Foeller
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