Minutes of Meeting:
Date: May 17, 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: Vacant
- 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
- Guest: Robert Nedbar-Gross

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

Old Business
The April Board minutes were reviewed and approved for posting to the AWMA website at http://flawma.org/board-of-directors-2/
New Business

Florida Section Bylaws
Liz introduced the Florida Section AWMA bylaws and suggested that clarifications and updates may be warranted require the chapters to function within the Florida section and chapter bylaws, meet membership and chapter election expectations. The Board agreed to consider suggested amendments and provide clarity around requirement for Fl Section to assist chapters remain active and function within the guidelines of the bylaws (and address dissolution of chapters as appropriate). The Board agreed encourage Chapters to align with international guidelines which will be circulated to chapter leaders to reference and ensure that all are aligned with the international organization. The motion to move forward with proposed amendments was made by Liz Foeller (seconded by Mike Markey). The proposed language will be circulated for consideration prior to discussion amongst the board.

Mike Kennedy is retiring June 2, 2017. The Board discussed backfilling his position of Director. Liz motioned to the Board that his predecessor – Paula Cobb could fulfill his term on the Fl AWMA Board – however, she would need to be a member. It was also suggested that Chris Bradley could be an alternative to join the Board. (Peter seconded). The board suggested a gift/token be given to Mike Kennedy for his contributions to the Board.

Robert Nedbar-Groos attended the AWMA Leadership Training Conference in Pittsburg, PA during the weekend of April 21 - April 23, 2017. Robert is the current University of Florida Chapter President and thanked the Board for their support. He provided an update on the Conference training and encouraged other Board member to attend.

Reminder: the Facebook page is active – AWMA-FL YPs and all are encouraged to like the page. The website is also active http://flawma.org/board-of-directors-2/

Chapter Updates

Coastal Plains - 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. A Half-Day Workshop focused on Emergency Response will be held the day prior from 2 to 5 pm CST. The overall theme for the workshop is the “Effects of the New Administration.” Sponsorship registration is already open and attendee registration will be opening the last week of April.

It was suggested that students and chapter be invited to attend Board meetings

Conference Updates

The FL AWMA Conference will be held in Tallahassee October 25th – 26th (with the annual board meeting scheduled for October 24th). A preliminary framework of conference topics has been developed for discussion on the monthly technical conference planning call scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3pm EST. The committee will focus on developing the conference website and sponsorship material
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 June 21, 2017 (and moved to June 23, 2017 at 2:00pm).

Adjourn
Liz Foeller adjourned the meeting at 2:54 pm EST and noted that several items on the agenda would need to be moved to the June meeting.

Signed:

Manitia Moultrie  Liz Foeller
Manitia Moultrie, Secretary  Liz Foeller, Chair