

Alabama Section of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA)

Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2010

Opening:

The Board Meeting of the Alabama Section of the AWRA was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on March 2, 2010 at the Water Course Center in Clanton, AL by Sabra Sutton, President.

AWRA Alabama Section Committee Members Present:

George Marodis, Ashley McVicar, Stan Cook, Milt Ward

Others Present:

None

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the Board Meeting held on September 10, 2009 in Orange Beach, AL were reviewed and accepted as presented.

B. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by Ashley McVicar. Ashley stated that the last bank statement received was the September 2009 statement. There are no imminent expenses expected. Sabra motioned to accept the Financial Report as presented, the motion was carried.

Ashley transferred the financial documents/records/checkbook to the newly elected Treasurer George Marodis.

C. Board Membership

Kenneth Odom elected as Secretary at the Annual Business Meeting in Orange Beach on the 9th of September, 2009 tendered his resignation as he will be moving to Colorado. Sabra presented copies of the AWRA By- Laws for procedural review. Article VII Section 7.03 states that **“If a vacancy develops in the Board of Directors, the remaining members of the Board are authorized to appoint an eligible Section member to fill the vacancy for the un-expired term.”**

The Board decided to offer Section Member Todd Boatman the opportunity to join the AWRA Board of Directors under the following conditions:

Since newly elected members begin as Membership Chair, and the position vacated is Secretary, and due to the fact that the current Membership Chair Stan Cook was agreeable to assuming the role of Secretary, it was decided by the Board to offer Section Member Todd Boatman the choice of joining the Board either as Membership Chair or Secretary. If Todd joins as Membership Chair, Stan Cook will assume the duties of Secretary.

D. Conference Recap

It was generally agreed upon that last year's Panel Discussion increased interest in the symposium. However, in the future when planning such discussions, more emphasis will be placed on "balancing the playing field"

There were no other pertinent issues or problems identified from last year's symposium. . .

E. 2010 Symposium Planning

Abstracts for the 2010 Symposium are due July 1, 2010.

The theme for the next symposium will expand upon Water & Energy issues, effects on habitats, environmental flows, etc.

Potential Speakers Mentioned:

- Mike Kinsler University of Alabama
- Wendell Mitchell- Faulkner University
- Senator Kim Benefield

The fare for the Business Meeting reception will remain as last year, Chips & Dip and an Open Bar.

Milt will reserve 8(eight) rooms at the Perdido for Student Symposium Participants

It was decided that Symposium Speakers will not have to pay the registration fee if they will not be staying for the entire conference.

Sabra will consult with an attorney about the need for Liability Insurance covering functions which serve alcohol.

Sabra will contact Kay Stone with Auburn about the possibility of setting up online conference and symposium registration with the ability to utilize "PayPal" as a means of collecting registration payments online.

Sabra will look into speaker and conference gifts.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. by Sabra Sutton

The next general meeting will be held in Montgomery, AL Thursday April 29, 2010.

Minutes submitted by: George Marodis