

Alabama Section of the American Water Resources Association (AWRA)

Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2009

Opening:

The Board Meeting of the Alabama Section of the AWRA was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on May 5, 2009 at the Water Course Center in Clanton, AL by Milt Ward, President.

AWRA Alabama Section Committee Members Present:

Ken Odom, Marlon Cook, George Marodis, Sabra Sutton, Milt Ward, Ashley McVicar

Others Present:

John Morris

A. Review of Minutes

The minutes from the Board Meeting held on April 1, 2009 in Montgomery, AL were reviewed and accepted as presented.

B. Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented by Ashley McVicar. Ashley indicated that no financial activity had taken place since the last Board Meeting. Ashley also stated that the April statement had not arrived. There are no imminent expenses expected. Sabra motioned to accept the Financial Report as presented, the motion was carried.

C. 2009 Conference/Symposium Speakers

1) Potential Speaker Dennis Bragg-

Marlon stated that he made several attempts to contact Dennis. Marlon was not able to speak with Dennis. The AWRA Alabama Section Conference to be held in September falls during the corn harvest which may prohibit Dennis from attending.

2) Potential Speaker Rob McElroy, Daphne Utilities-

Sabra was able to get confirmation from Rob McElroy.

3) Potential Speaker(s) Paul Freeman & Mary Davis, Nature Conservancy

Ken stated that Paul Freeman agreed to speak if his schedule allowed if not he would get a replacement to cover his time slot.

4) *Energy Production & Water Sustainability*, Ashley confirmed that Allan Peebles with Alabama Power can speak on this topic.

5) *Water Policy Issues*, Sabra and Ashley brought some information from the www.energyfairness.org website and the Partnership for Affordable Clean Energy (PACE). Lance Brown Executive Director of PACE was offered as a potential speaker on Water Policy Issues. Sabra agreed to contact Lance and speak with him and gather more information about him before he is invited to speak.

It was suggested that we impose a deadline of August 2009 for speaker confirmations. Also, August would be the deadline for abstracts and speaker bios.

Sabra made the motion that the Symposium Speakers registration fee would be waived if the speakers did not plan on staying for the entire AWRA Conference. The motion was carried.

Sabra will pursue the availability and cost of speaker gifts from Stone River.

D. Meal Functions

John estimates the cost for this year's Seafood Social to be \$4,800. John will coordinate the Seafood Social activity with the FloraBama.

Sabra will coordinate the fruit and cheese snack trays with the Perdido Beach Resort.

E. Sponsorships

John will put together the sponsorship list from last year and continue his fund raising activities. Marlon will contact ALFA for a sponsorship again this year. John will also handle the sponsorship sign.

F. Other Business

Sabra will contact Brian with the Office of Water resources (OWR) about printing this year's brochures.

George offered to handle the AWRA Alabama Sections website. He will suggest server hosting options and advise the Board of the costs.

Everyone on the Board agreed to pursue the possibility of entering into a Tri State Section of the AWRA with Florida and Georgia. It was agreed that the Tri State Section would in no way change the AWRA Alabama Sections ongoing activities i.e. the Symposium and Conferences.

Issues of concern with this alliance were the timing of any Tri State events such as conferences, what costs would be incurred by the Alabama section, and the development of a common theme that would tie the three states together from a water resources perspective.

A conference call has been proposed between the three States to further discuss these issues. The conference call is scheduled to take place on May 15, 2009. Milt will email additional details as they become available.

Milt will continue to pursue the options for insuring the Seafood Social event.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. by Milt Ward

The next general meeting will be held via conference call the 1st or 2nd week in June.

Minutes submitted by: George Marodis