Alabama Section of the American Water Resources Association

Meeting Minutes

Date: Friday, May 24, 2013

Location: Conference Call

Members Present: George Marodis, Amanda Fleming, Todd Boatman, Sam Fowler, Stan Cook, Kenneth Odom

Stan Cook officially opened the meeting. There were no membership or secretary updates. Sam Fowler noted (as Treasurer) that the only new expenses were those for the website.

The main topic of discussion was the symposium agenda. Amanda Fleming reported that Tom Allen from Southwick would give a presentation on the Impact of Water Recreation in Alabama. The group approved paying for Tom’s expenses-flight, hotel, and rental car. Kenneth Odom stated that Charles Stover was still working on getting a speaker from Alabama Power. Todd Boatman sent a draft Symposium agenda to the group. Other speakers include: Dr. Bill Batchelor, Greg Canfield, Jimmy Lyons, and Dr. Susan Rees. Each speaker will have 20 minutes to present and 5 minutes for questions. After all of the speakers there will be 30 minutes for open discussion, which Sam will facilitate. Each speaker contact (names on draft agenda) should obtain a bio from each speaker. The group approved giving a donation to Wounded Warriors on behalf of the speakers as their speaker’s gift.

Other logistics for the conference and symposium include: Sam will reserve eight rooms for student housing. Stan will forward the food/drink orders to Todd, Todd will coordinate with Kaye, Sam, and the hotel. Todd noted that there are federal restrictions on travel and therefore attendance may be less than previous years. The group will provide one projector and a computer for the Symposium. The hotel will provide the microphones and screens.

Then the group nominated and approved Eve Brantley to be placed on the ballot to serve on the Executive Committee in 2014.

Next, the group discussed the IRS issue. The IRS backlog with effect the approval of the Section’s 501 (c)3 application.

The group approved the following measure for donations to other 501 (c) 3 organizations: submitting $200 annually for budget approval each year by February.

Finally, the group determined that the next conference call will be July 30th at 10 am.

The meeting was adjourned.