

Alabama Chapter AWRA Section Meeting
5 pm, September 10, 2015
Perdido Beach, Alabama

John Morris thanked several new sponsors for events (FloraBama, Cocktail reception) and noted veteran sponsors were generous, too. He asked for more money – a couple of hundred dollars – to help cover the costs. Comments were made by new and veteran sponsors Hargrove, HydroLab, Normandeau Associates, Inc., CH2m, Inc., and the University of Alabama Central Analytical Facility.

Sue Duran, AU Veterinary School, commented on pharmaceuticals in water and new rules from EPA including disposal systems such as incinerators.

Membership Report – Pat O’Neil

Pat O’Neil noted that 275 people registered for the conference. The slate was in and the approximately 30 votes had been counted to elect:

Sam Fowler: Past President
Amanda Fleming: President
Kenneth Odom: President Elect
Eve Brantley: Treasurer
Pat O’Neil: Secretary
Jeff Powell: Membership Chair

Amanda and Sam Fowler recommended that Puneet Srivastava, AU Water Resources Center Director, attend board meetings to encourage coordination for conference planning. There was consensus that this is a good idea.

Treasurers Report – Kenneth Odom

Balance on January 1, 2015 - \$14,360.75
Deposits - \$10,684.78
Withdrawals - \$1,397.23
Current balance \$23,648.30

Bills are yet to be paid for the conference, so that amount will go down. He reiterated the need to thank the sponsors. Kenneth also thanked John for his leadership and time in securing the sponsors.

New Business

Amanda talked about new initiatives including a survey of participants to get feedback on new ideas or new things to offer.

We have a new web site – George Marodis and Rob White host it and all agreed that it looks great.

Jane recommended that we apply for the state chapter award. Amanda also noted that Eve will go to the national conference in November that will be held in Denver and the state chapter will pay for her travel.

Puneet offered to conduct a webinar on drought for the national AWRA.

Charles Stover asked what the rate for student awards is currently and Sam reported that for both poster and oral presentations the awards are:

\$200 3rd

\$300 2nd

\$400 1st

Hotel rooms are furnished for students, too. 8 rooms are reserved for students and they double up – first come, first serve.

Meeting was adjourned.