



Indiana Water Resources Association
 Fall 2009 Business Meeting and
 Conference Call
 USGS Indiana Water Science Center
 Indianapolis, IN
 Friday, December 11, 2009, 3:30 PM EST

1. Call to Order – Introductions
 President Dennis Stewart called the meeting to order at 3:31PM EST with 11 members in attendance.

2. Election of officers
 Candidates for new officers:
- 1) Leighanne Hahn- Incoming President
 - 2) Kathleen Fowler- Treasurer
 - 3) Joe Schmees- Secretary
 - 4) Mark Pyron- President-elect

All new officers were elected by a unanimous vote of all members in attendance.

3. Secretary's Report
 Secretary Joe Schmees read the minutes of the spring 2009 meeting. Don Arvin moved to accept the Secretary's Report as read. The motion was seconded by Rosy Hansell and passed unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report
 Treasurer Kathleen Fowler presented the following information:

Starting Balance	\$8,247.78
Income	\$9,258.79
Expenses	\$7,305.54
Year to date (Net) balance	\$1,953.25
Current balance	\$10,201.03
Scholarship Fund included in Current Balance	\$4,741.11
Certificates of Deposit	\$5,757.84
Total IWRA Assets	\$15,958.87

-Jeff Martin commented that IWRA's current total assets are the largest to date.

-Jeff Martin moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mark Pyron and passed unanimously.

5. 2009 Spring Symposium Review

Dennis Stewart thanked Jeff Martin and Rosy Hansell for setting up the Spring Symposium accommodations. He also wanted to thank Scott Morlock, Ken Smith and Greg Main for their contributions.

6. Membership Report

Membership chair Jeff Martin reported that there are 118 members, with 4 student members, and the addition of 14 new members this year. He said that over half of the membership contributed to the scholarship fund.

-It was mentioned that IWRA should strive to maintain their membership base and also work to recruit younger members.

-Leighanne Hahn said she had been promoting the Spring Symposium to Purdue University professors and students.

-It was also mentioned that IWRA members should encourage students to take advantage of the scholarship opportunities offered by IWRA.

7. Webmaster Report

Webmaster Mark Hopkins explained that the cost of IWRA's new web space was \$70.00 per year. He also said that members should let him know what edits needed to be made.

8. Faculty Liaison Report

The faculty liaison position for IWRA is currently vacant. The position is geared for faculty to promote IWRA to students and other university faculty.

9. AWRA Liaison Report

Jeff Martin mentioned that the IWRA officers needed to give the AWRA liaison more direction in the section's dealings with the AWRA.

10. Awards Committee

IWRA's new awards to honor individuals earlier in their career than the Bechert Award were discussed. The individual awards for excellence in water resources were awarded in three different categories: public sector, private sector, and academic sector. The Bechert committee decided on the recipients.

-It was discussed that IWRA needed to promote the new individual awards and collect more nominations in subsequent years.

-It was suggested that IWRA work to find "point of contact" individuals for large agencies, organizations, and universities to promote the awards.

-It was also suggested that it not be required for IWRA to award the individual awards on a yearly basis.

11. Spring 2010 Meeting (See Addendum)

Leighanne Hahn reported that the spring 2010 IWRA conference will be in June in Muncie, IN, with symposia concerning emerging waters and emerging contaminants. Leighanne was unable to find any hotels with enough conference room space for the symposium, but is actively considering 3 different Muncie venues:

(1) The Minnetrista Center

-The center has 2 floors with different large and small meeting spaces and is actively engaged in environmental sustainability and environmental education.

(2) The Ball State University Art Center

(3) The Ball State Alumni Center

-Leighanne and Mark Pyron both mentioned that the Ball State Alumni Center would be the most ideal. It is within walking distance of the different hotels.

-It was mentioned that most venues were unavailable for the desired days in May, making June the likely month for the symposium.

-Lorraine Wright asked if Leighanne had considered the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie. Leighanne reported that the Horizon Convention Center did offer a shuttle, but that it was not near any hotels.

-Leighanne stated that she had looked at the Fairfield Inn and the Holiday Inn for accommodations. Both hotels offered a \$79.00 per night rate. The Holiday Inn offered a meeting room for approximately 40 people, while the Fairfield Inn offered IWRA the use of the breakfast area for meeting.

-Leighanne also reported that she is attempting to organize a field trip to the local headwater streams for the symposium.

-Jeff Martin mentioned that decisions on the venue should be made before the end of January.

12. Old Business

None

13. New Business

None

14. Adjourn

The meeting was over at 4:38 PM EST by unanimous vote.

For the Spring Business Meeting
May , 2010

Joseph P. Schmees, Secretary

Addendum: Item #11 Spring 2010 meeting discussion

Beginning the week of January 11, 2010, Leighanne Hahn contacted IWRA 2010 officers and spring meeting organizers to advise them that the newly organized Purdue University Water Community had an interest in actively participating in the 2010 IWRA Spring Symposium meeting. As a result of the Purdue community interest and willingness to contribute time and resources to the symposium, those IWRA key persons contacted unanimously agreed to move the 2010 IWRA Spring meeting to Purdue University campus and use conference and hotel resources available at that venue.

The IWRA Spring Symposium “Indiana Waters: Emerging Waters, Emerging Contaminants, Emerging Communities” will be hosted at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana on May 26-28, 2010. Specific registration and housing details will be available beginning March 15 through the Purdue conference and IWRA websites www.conf.purdue.edu/attend/ and www.IWRA.info , respectively. Abstracts are being accepted online for presentations and/or posters at <http://tinyurl.com/IWRA2010> .

IWRA Fall 2009 Business Meeting Attendees

Don Arvin
Kathleen Fowler
Leighanne Hahn (conf. call)
Mark Hopkins
Rosy Hansell
Jeff Martin
Mark Pyron
Joe Schmees
Dennis Stewart
Lee Watson
Lorraine Wright (conf. call)