



Indiana Water Resources Association
 Spring 2009 Business Meeting
 Holiday Inn Conference Center
 Columbus, IN
 Thursday, May 7, 2009, 8:00 PM EDT

1. Call to Order – Introductions

President Dennis Stewart called the meeting to order at 8:50 PM EDT with 14 members in attendance.

2. Secretary's Report

Secretary Joe Schmees read the minutes of the Winter 2009 Meeting. Jeff Martin moved to accept the Secretary's Report. The motion was seconded by Jane Frankenberger and passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Kathleen Fowler presented the following information:

Starting Balance	\$8,247.78
Income	\$4,586.24
Expenses (2009 Symposium cost not included at this time)	\$1,982.42
Year to date (Net) balance	\$2,603.82
Current balance	\$10,851.60
Scholarship Fund included in Current Balance	\$4,749.66
Certificates of Deposit	\$5,533.70
Total IWRA Assets	\$16,385.30

Rosy Hansell moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Don Arvin and passed unanimously.

4. Membership Report

Jeff Martin reported that there are 109 members, with 4 student members, and the addition of 12 new members this year. 57 members contributed to the scholarship fund.

- Leighanne Hahn asked Dennis Stewart if members were eligible for continuing education credits for the Spring Symposium.

Dennis said that members were **not** eligible for continuing education credits for the current symposium, but stated that IWRA should still look into this for future symposia.

-Jane Frankenberger asked the members in attendance if IWRA should consider broadcasting more to younger professionals.

It was suggested that IWRA designate a liaison for the different water resource organizations. The liaisons designated at the meeting are as follows:

USGS liaison – Jeff Martin

Purdue liaison – Jane Frankenberger

Ball State liaison – Mark Pyron

IDEM liaison – Joe Schmees

IDNR liaison – Dennis Stewart

It was also suggested that IWRA seek further liaisons for other organizations.

5. Webmaster Report

Jeff Martin explained that Ken Luther would no longer be able to perform the task of Webmaster and IWRA would need to nominate a new Webmaster. Jeff mentioned that he would speak with Bill Guertal about USGS hosting the IWRA webpage.

-The idea of hosting IWRA's webpage on AWRA web space was brought up as a possibility as well.

-Jeff Martin asked Mark Hopkins to be IWRA's new Webmaster, which he accepted.

6. Faculty Liaison Report

Jeff Martin explained that Ken Luther would also no longer be able to perform the task of Faculty Liaison.

-Jane Frankenberger suggested that the Faculty Liaison title be folded into the liaison positions appointed earlier in the Meeting.

-Don Arvin moved to issue Ken Luther a formal "thank you" for his service in the IWRA Webmaster and Faculty Liaison positions. The motion was seconded by Jane Frankenberger and passed unanimously.

7. AWRA Report

Harold Templin reported that he submitted a nomination on the behalf of IWRA for the AWRA Outstanding Section Award.

-Harold reported that AWRA is moving toward new ways of communication, leaning toward electronic media such as email and blogs for their primary communication. He suggested that his position as AWRA liaison may become obsolete.

-Harold moved that the position of AWRA liaison be removed from IWRA. Don Arvin seconded the motion. The motion was **not** passed by a majority of the members present. The AWRA liaison position will remain.

8. Awards Committee

Jeff Martin stated that the Outstanding Service Awards were well presented and that IWRA should strive to award these service awards every year.

-It was mentioned that more nominations for the awards might give them additional notoriety. It was suggested that people might have missed the nomination process in the President's Letter and that more emails concerning the process might get a better response.

-It was also suggested that IWRA push for the recipient's organization to create some sort of press release acknowledging their award.

Harold Templin said that he could send a press release to AWRA for more recognition of the Outstanding Service Awards.

-Other forms of recognition for the Outstanding Service Awards were discussed, including local newspaper releases.

9. Fall 2009 Meeting

There are currently no ideas for the Fall 2009 Meeting.

-Jane Frankenberger asked if IWRA should consider dropping the concept of a Fall Meeting. Joe Schmees suggested that IWRA continue to "piggy-back" on other fall conferences so that face-to-face contact between IWRA members would continue in the fall.

-Dennis Stewart commented that a fall conference call or "e-meeting" would suffice for the business meeting to elect officers.

10. Spring 2010 Meeting

Leighanne Hahn said that the 2010 IWRA Spring Symposium is tentatively located at Ball State University. Leighanne explained that Mark Pyron had offered the assistance of Ball State graduate students in planning and presenting at the IWRA symposium.

-The symposium topic will be focused on headwaters, emerging waters, emerging communities, and emerging contaminants.

The date of the spring symposium was discussed and it was noted that this year's symposium was during finals week for many students. It was also noted that a symposium date before June still allows field staff of many organizations to attend.

11. Old Business

Dennis Stewart thanked Jeff Martin and Rosy Hansell for their diligence in making the 2009 Spring IWRA Symposium a success.

12. New Business

Jane Frankenberger stated that a River Rally was being planned for water resources people in McCormick's Creek with a recreational theme.

- Leighanne Hahn revealed an idea to coordinate with IAFS for a fall "bio blitz" where participants would collect aquatic organisms.

Water resources people would probably be the target audience.

Mark Pyron was nominated for the position of President Elect for 2010, to succeed Leighanne Hahn.

Jeff Martin suggested that the IWRA Board consider creating a committee for strategic planning.

-The focus for the committee would be on a long-term structure for IWRA and drawing in a larger general membership among interdisciplinary groups.

14. Adjourn

The meeting was over at 10:03 PM EDT by unanimous vote.

For the Fall Business Meeting
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Joseph P. Schmees, Secretary

Appendix:

After the meeting (7/13/2009), Jeff Martin said that IWRA's webpage has a new web address: <http://iwra.info/>

IWRA Spring 2009 Business Meeting Attendees

Don Arvin
Bob Autio
Kathleen Fowler
Jane Frankenberger
Leighanne Hahn
Rosy Hansell
Mark Hopkins
Jeff Martin
Greg Nethery
Jennifer Pritchett
Mark Pyron
Joe Schmees
Dennis Stewart
Harold Templin
Ron Turco