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INDIANA WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION

Fall 2024 Business Meeting

Thursday November 7, 2024, at 5:00 pm

Coachman Restaurant and Lounge
6112 Cambridge Way, Plainfield, IN 46168

Meeting Minutes

1. In attendance: Sally Letsinger, Allison Mann, Kristi Cox, Harvie Pollard, David Lampe, Phil Ward, Joe Schmees, Rosy Hansell, Mark Basch, Lorraine Wright, Aubrey Bunch.
2. Welcome and Call to Order 2024 Treasurer, Joe Schmees at 5:12pm
3. Secretary's Report of Winter 2023 business meeting minutes was provided by Sally Letsinger for Ginger Davis. No corrections were requested. Joe Schmees made a motion to accept the minutes, Dave Lampe second. Motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report by Joe Schmees. See Treasurer's report (attached). Sally noted that the income for next year will be (negatively) impacted by the decision to increase membership rolls this year by including the 2025 Member Dues in the 2024 IWRA Symposium registration fees. Sally Letsinger made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Rosy Hansell second. Motion passed.
5. Membership Report by Sally Letsinger we have over 85 members (see attached).
6. AWRA Liaison Report by Garth Lindner (via Sally Letsinger). Not much activity. There has been a change in administration at the AWRA, and the last meeting was cancelled. Sally mentioned that someone else might want to take on the AWRA liaison role while Garth is president, as he will have a lot to do in the next year.
7. Award Committee Report by Mark Basch. We had a shorter awards presentation this year because of the one-day format of the symposium. This year the Charles Harold Bechert Award went posthumously to both Scott Morlock (USGS) and Harold Templin (IDEM). It was noted that Helen Morlock and Debbie Templin were able to accept the awards, and that was really meaningful. A reminder that Academic, Public, and Private award categories are available for next year and are a good way to get folks recognition.

8. Old Business

- a. None (no discussion)

9. New Business

- a. President-elect for 2026

- i. There was a lively discussion including a fair bit of begging, pleading, and the making of promises that could not be fulfilled. Yet, through it all, Aubrey Bunch (USGS) agreed to be our leader in 2026. This was followed by a round of applause and expressions of great relief (mainly from Sally).

- b. 2025 Symposium – Kristi Cox for Garth Lindner (IDNR, Division of Water).

From Garth:

“Honored to lead the group. I’m humbled too, to be trusted by this group of professionals dedicated to our water resources in Indiana. Our main goal is to get this group back to the state we expect it to be at – pre-covid standards.

The IWRA is uniquely positioned with opportunities to collaborate across agencies, stakeholders, and sectors in the water resource realms. We plan to embrace these opportunities, and are exploring multiple ideas, themes, and concepts:

- Back to basics – revisit the hydrologic cycle
- Urban hydrology
- Continue to shed light into future water trends and climate change to inform decision making
- Embrace inclusion and collaboration across groups for a common goal – The OneWater theme from IGWS is a great starting point
- Keep with the emerging contaminants and technologies that the 2023 meeting did so well.

Other ideas:

- Meeting location – most likely a state property – properties are popular and accessible. Possibly Spring Mill or New Harmony. Likely a hybrid meeting with a symposium and a field trip.
- Work with the AWRA to deliver a national meeting in 2028

We have excellent staff in the Division of Water that are committed to delivering an impactful, meaningful, and promising year for the IWRA. We want to ensure that the IWRA is best positioned to address the water resource management issues in Indiana at a time when so many critical questions are being asked. There is no better group of water resource professionals in Indiana working towards a common goal.”

Not everyone at the meeting was in favor of a national meeting in 2028. Discussion included the fundraising requirement of hosting, in addition to the time needed. Sally noted that the student scholarship donations this year were under \$300 and our sponsorships typically total \$2000/year, and that was far below the \$50,000 required to host the conference. Previous discussions included doing homework in the next year or two, assembling a core committee, identifying potential contributors, etc.

c. Increasing member-related content.

From Garth's comments:

- Increase engagement among existing members, and expand our member base.
- Field trips, trainings, OTHER STUFF?

Joe mentioned the possibility of newsletters or members-only webinars (such as every-other-month). Sally noted that at least academia is super-saturated with these methods of "engagement," and it is too much to keep up with. But Sally was very tired at the meeting.

Another topic included continuing our focus on student involvement. At a recent Indiana Water Resources Research Center meeting, there was discussion of a Water Fellow program, such as: <https://watercenter.colostate.edu/studentfellows/>. This type of program would provide a stipend, free attendance at water conferences, a focus on networking (e.g., career fairs), and training opportunities through internships. The idea was seeking sponsors for a similar program in Indiana (e.g., \$1000 to sponsor 1 student; \$10,000 to sponsor 10 students).

Additional ideas were discussed, such as job shadowing agency jobs/positions, or offering small (<=10 attendees) field-trip opportunities for professional development.

It was mentioned that IWRA Symposia or some of the professional-development activities we could provide might qualify as continuing education credits (for Indiana LPG?). Would need to confirm the requirements.

Dave Lampe mentioned that the USGS will be hosting a national, internal science conference in Indianapolis in May. We are planning for some regional field trips associated with the meeting and those field trips could possibly also be paired with trips organized through IWRA for non-USGS folks. Target locations would be the School Branch study sites and/or the Kankakee GW/SW interaction study site. Garth Lindner (incoming IWRA president) can reach out to Dave Lampe to discuss if there is interest.

10. Officers for 2024 – All were re-elected. Rosy Hansell motioned to accept the slate, Lorraine Wright seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- a. President – Garth Lindner – IDNR, Division of Water
- b. President Elect – Aubrey Bunch, U.S. Geological Survey
- c. Secretary – Ginger Davis – IGWS
- d. Treasurer – Joe Schmees – The Nature Conservancy

11. Meeting was adjourned by Joe Schmees at 6:30pm.



IWRA Transmittal

To: IWRA Board of Directors

From: IWRA Treasurer, Joe Schmees

Date: November 7, 2024

Re: Financial Summary - 2024

Enclosed are the financial summaries detailing the 2024 year to date transactions, including year to date symposium income and expenses.

IWRA Board of Directors - Past President, Andrew Pappas
Past President, Ryan Mueller
Past President, Dave Lampe
Past President, Ginger Davis

Membership Committee - Sally Letsinger

**Indiana Water Resources Association
Financial Summary
November 6, 2024**

2023 Balance Brought Forward		\$9,497.29
<u>Income</u>		
Dues		\$816.48
Scholarship Fund		\$342.76
Symposium (includes registration and sponsors)		<u>\$5,421.70</u>
	Income Subtotal	\$6,580.94
<u>Expenses</u>		
Erie Insurance Group (group liability insurance)		(\$252.00)
2023 Symposium Final Payment		(\$1,236.00)
Student Scholarship		(\$200.00)
Web Hosting Fee		(\$322.87)
Symposium		<u>(\$6,112.08)</u>
	Expense Subtotal	(\$8,122.95)
	YTD Balance	(\$1,542.01)

2024 Account Summary

Current Checking Account Balance including scholarship fund	\$7,955.28
Scholarship Fund included in balance	\$3,260.62
Scholarship fund in CD's	\$7,622.48
Total Scholarship Fund	\$10,883.10
Current Pay Pal balance	\$500.00
Current operating balance	\$5,194.66
Total IWRA Assets	\$16,077.76

**Indiana Water Resources Association
2024 Conference**

Income

Registration	\$1,421.70
Sponsorships (INWRRC & INTERA & Donation)	\$4,000.00
Total	\$5,421.70

Expenses

Final Expenses for Venue	\$0.00
Catering	(\$6,028.08)
Flying W (Awards)	(\$84.00)
Total	(\$6,112.08)

Net Conference Balance **(\$690.38)**

Scholarship

2024 Scholarship Income	\$342.76
Student Scholarship Reimbursement	\$0.00
Student Awards (Poster/Presentation Cash Prize)	(\$200.00)
Net Scholarship Balance	\$142.76

**Indiana Water Resources Association
Scholarship Fund
November 2024**

Year	Income	Expense	Balance
1996	\$508.90	\$400.00	\$108.90
1997	\$314.13	\$0.00	\$423.03
1998	\$832.39	\$0.00	\$1,255.42
1999	\$663.26	\$0.00	\$1,918.68
2000	\$833.90	\$200.00	\$2,552.58
2001	\$793.26	\$0.00	\$3,345.84
2002	\$339.51	\$0.00	\$3,685.35
2003	\$565.00	\$0.00	\$4,250.35
2004	\$559.00	\$648.00	\$4,151.35
2005	\$730.00	\$0.00	\$4,891.35
2006	\$765.00	\$900.00	\$4,756.35
2007	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$5,556.35
2008	\$620.00	\$2,151.69	\$4,024.66
2009	\$965.00	\$248.55	\$4,741.11
2010	\$1,127.00	\$2,609.08	\$3,259.03
2011	\$925.00	\$2,319.88	\$1,864.15
2012	\$811.64	\$540.00	\$2,135.79
2013	\$878.25	\$2,753.75	\$260.29
2014	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,260.29
2015	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,260.29
2016	\$507.00	\$1,855.55	\$911.74
2017	\$3,050.00	\$1,015.55	\$2,946.19

Year	Income	Expense	Balance
2018	\$1,284.87	\$1,875.92	\$2,355.14
2019	\$990.55	\$1,740.44	\$1,605.25
2020	\$345.00	\$0.00	\$1,950.25
2021	\$245.00	\$0.00	\$2,195.25
2022	\$1,696.11	\$1,195.50	\$2,695.86
2023	\$822.00	\$400.00	\$3,117.86
2024	\$342.76	\$200.00	\$3,260.62
(Fund Balance included in Current Balance)			\$3,260.62
Certificates of Deposit			\$7,622.48
Total Scholarship			\$10,883.10

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2024 IWRA BUSINESS MEETING

Date prepared: November 5, 2024

By: Sally Letsinger

MEMBERSHIP

We have 87 members this year. This year, 2025 IWRA Membership was included in the 2024 Symposium registration fee. The current members are:

Bob Autio, Tony Bailey, Kate Barrett, Mark Basch, Judith Beaty, Bill Blomquist, Phil Bonneau, Laura Bowling, Eliza Brown, Matthew Burlingame, Sarah Caffery, Elizabeth (Beth) Carter, Shuo Chen, Keith Cherkauer, Kristi Cox, Kendall Daniels, Ginger Davis, Laura Esman, Liberty Flora, Danielle Follette, Bella Foster, Kathleen Fowler, Jane Frankenberger, Jeff Frey, Marty Frisbee, Arthur Garceau, Raj Gosine, Glenn Grove, Andrew Gustin, Fikru Hailu, Rosy Hansell, Matt Hardebeck, Seth Harden, Shannon Hayes, Jeff Healy, Mark Hopkins, Mark Howell, Eliza Hudson, Maria Iturbide-Chang, Kristi Johnson, Luke Johnstone, David Knipe, Timothy Kroeker, David Lampe, Sally Letsinger, Zhiying Li, Garth Lindner, Randy Maier, Allison Mann, Jeff Martin, Martha Clark Mettler, John Mundell, Shawn Naylor, Greg Nethery, Klaus Neumann, Mary Claire Noble, Doug Opell, Andrew Pappas, Erica Penna, Angie Plank, Harvie Pollard, Vickie Poole, Mark Pyron, Gretchen Quirk, Sarah Reilly, Monique Riggs, Chris Ritz, Jane Roberts, Martin Ryan, McKailey Sabaj, Joe Schmees, David Scott, Halis Simsek, Maggie Sullivan, Adam Thada, Cary Troy, Rachel Walker, Jaron Walling, Phil Ward, Troy Weaver, Jit Weir, John Wilson, Jack Wittman, Oliver Wittman, and Lorraine Wright

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

The donors to the 2023-2024 Student Scholarship Fund are: Bob Autio, Tony Bailey, Mark Basch, Laura Bowling, Keith Cherkauer, Ginger Davis, Kathleen Fowler, Jane Frankenberger, Jeff Frey, Art Garceau, Rajindra Gosine, Rosemarie Hansell, Luke Johnstone, Dave Knipe, David Lampe, Sally Letsinger, Jeff Martin, Martha Clark Mettler, John Mundell, Greg Nethery, Klaus Neumann, Doug Opell, Andrew Pappas, Mark Pyron, Monique Riggs, Chris Ritz, Joe Schmees, Troy Weaver, John Wilson, Oliver Wittman, and Lorraine Wright.

PAYPAL AND VENMO

It is possible to pay membership dues or student scholarship donations directly via the PayPal or Venmo apps to IWRA, if any members desire. We have a membership form that can be filled out offline (or through Eventbrite choosing offline payment) for membership information (including professional interests, contact info, etc.). Paying directly without an accompanying form or Eventbrite entry will likely get missed.

Payments via PayPal can be sent to @iwra.group@gmail.com or via Venmo to [@IWRA_Indiana](https://www.venmo.com/@IWRA_Indiana). We incur a non-profit organization processing fee, so for a membership, the total is \$32. Going through Eventbrite, we incur two processing fees, so the total is \$34. Pay-by-check is only \$30/year. Summary: Check = \$30 | PayPal directly = \$32 | Eventbrite + PayPal = \$34

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE RECRUITING

Last year was supposed to be my last year for the membership committee, Eventbrite registration manager, webmaster, partial social media promoter person, email-sender-outer, symposium support, deputy treasurer, and keeper-of-the-traditions. I will be retiring from Indiana University in the Spring 2025 semester. I can provide some level of advising on the next Symposium, but we need to recruit new committee participation ASAP.