

Arizona Hydrological Society

Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting  
July 12, 2008

Forestry Building, Northern Arizona University

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Board Members Present: Alan Dulaney, Margot Truini, Jacob Miller, Erin Young, Nick Melcher, Ted Lehman, Aregai Tecele, Matthew Beversdorf, Jeff Gawad, Paul Plato, Keith Ross, Dana Downs-Heimes, Mike Geddis, by phone.

1. Alan Dulaney called the meeting to order at 10:15 am, Quorum present. Alan passed out the meeting agenda ( handout 08.07.01). Alan read a thank you letter from SAHRA acknowledging the AHS contribution.
2. Nick Melcher passed out the meeting notes from the May meeting Ted Lehman moved to approve the notes from the May 10, 2008 corporate board meeting with the amendments discussed. Paul Plato seconded. All approved.
3. AHS Annual Budget for 2008  
Mike provided an overview of the 2008 budgets for the chapters and the overall association. (handout 08.07.04) The Phoenix and Tucson chapters predict overages for the year and the Flagstaff chapter has a small deficit. The budget submitted by Geddis shows a \$49,520 deficit without the inclusion of an estimate of overage from the Fall symposium. Alan suggested that we add an estimated \$25,000 income from the symposium. Ted Lehman indicated that the Phoenix Chapter needed \$5,000 seed money for the 2009 conference. Aregai made a motion that we approve the budget with and estimated income of \$25,000 from the symposium and the \$5,000 transfer to the Phoenix Chapter.
4. Report from Planning Committee for the 2008 Symposium  
Dana reported that according to AIPG there were 136 people registered for the conference. There are 26 AHS members registered and 11 sponsors and 14 exhibitors. At present the registration is below projections. There are 12 field trips planned and 130 speakers. The AHS awards will be presented during the Monday lunch. The Board members feel that the AHS portion of the symposium has not been adequately advertised and asked Nick to prepare a letter to all member reminding them of the forthcoming meeting. Lifetime members will be exempt from the conference registration fee. Only a few final abstracts have been received.

#### 5. Report from Planning Committee for the 2009 Symposium

Ted Lehman reported that plans are on schedule and the next planning meeting will be next Thursday (July 17). Ted indicated that AIH will not be as large a draw and most of the planning will need to be done by the Phoenix Chapter. The symposium website will be developed by the time of the 2008 symposium. The Kierland will provide an excellent location for family attendance.

6. Report from Arizona Hydrological Society Foundation. Ted indicated that the Foundation has still not received final approval for tax exempt status by the Internal Revenue Service. A few organization changes need to be made for final approval. Errol Montgomery will be sending out a letter in the near future explaining the mission of the Foundation and enlisting support. The Foundation may continue receive donation under the interim approval.

#### 7. Reports from standing committee:

Newsletter-Separate agenda item at the end of the meeting

Website- Matt Beversdorf indicated that he had completed the initial change from Code writer to Alentis. He had also added a google calendar. Several suggestions were made for useful links to other websites. Matt said he would work on upgrades as soon as Nick was loading the job announcements. Nick and Matt discussed the procedure and Nick indicated he would start this next week. Nick stated that the U of A Hydrology Department website was installing a link to the AHS website.

#### Scholarships and Internships-

Aregai report that three scholarship recipients, two AHS interns, and two CAP scholarship recipients will be introduced at the 2008 symposium.

#### 8. Chapter Reports

Phoenix- Ted Lehman reported that the Phoenix Chapter had a good dinner meeting. He also indicated that the surface water seminar had been very successful and they had an income of about \$3,000. Most of the Phoenix Chapter work will start to center around the 2009 symposium. Ted urged the corporate board to start looking for new officers for the future.

Flagstaff-The fall symposium is taking up most of their time. Communication with the AIPG staff is, at times, difficult. The Flagstaff chapter is still hoping to hold a Fall field trip. The Flagstaff members agreed to share responsibility for preparing the newsletter updates.

Tucson-Jeff Gawad stated that they have received a limited response to the chapter member survey. Most indicated that they wanted an earlier start time for the monthly presentations. The time was changed to 6:00pm for the June session and nearly 30 people attended.

#### 9. Signing of Contract with Nick Melcher as AHS Executive Director

Alan asked Nick to submit the latest version of the Executive Director contract. Nick stated that he had made one change to the contract. Nick indicated that he intended to sit at the registration desk for the entire conference and update membership information, greet members, and make sure that all invited speakers are welcomed and provided with local information. Given this task, the contract was exempting him from conference fees. A motion was made and seconded to accept the contract and approved unanimously.

#### 10. Discussion of AHS Newsletter

All of the attendants agreed that the file size of the newsletter needed to be reduced. Nick suggested that we continue with the present procedure for a few months and see if the number of website hits increases with the posting is better communicated. Several attendants suggested that we create a newsletter that included links to larger articles. Matt pointed out that we have posted a library of newsletters and maintaining those links would be difficult. Paul Plato reminded the Board that we had earlier agreed to send the newsletter as an open letter. Nick agreed that this would provide the best readership and communication however the newsletter would need to be a small file with some quality compromises. Everyone agreed that we should work towards downsizing the newsletter out and mailing it out to all members.

#### 11. New Business

Matt said that the ADWR would like to collaborate with AHS for future workshops including bringing in some national speakers for topics like groundwater modeling. Alan urged the Flagstaff Chapter to organize a Fall field trip. Ted suggested the Flagstaff Chapter contact Doug Wolfe for a fossil field trip in Northern Arizona.

#### 11. Set Next Meeting

Next meeting is schedule for Oct 18 in Phoenix. Location to be determined.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00PM.