

Arizona Hydrological Society

Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting

October 18, 2008

Location: Offices of HydroGeoChem, 6370 E Thomas Road, Suite 200
Scottsdale, Arizona.

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Board Members Present: Alan Dulaney, Keith Ross, Paul Plato, Matthew Beversdorf,
Alan Dulaney, Aregai Tecele, Jeff Gawad, Nick Melcher, and Mike Geddis, by Phone.

1. Call to Order.
Meeting called to order at 10:20 by Alan Dulaney. Agenda (Handout 10.18.01 distributed)
2. Review and approval of minutes from the July 12, 2008, Corporate Board Meeting.
Meeting notes read by Alan Dulaney and approved unanimously without changes.
3. AHS Treasurer's Report-Mike Geddis
Treasurer's report, (Handout 10.18.02) was distributed. Statement of Financial Position showed a balance of \$100,751.36. Numbers are adversely affected by \$23000 payout to SAHRA for 2007 conference from this year's funds. Dulaney suggested that the society needs to be cautious financially during the next year in consideration of the overall economy. Geddis stated that the chapter presidents need to put together their own budget as he is unable to provide reasonable estimates. A comment was made that the Board needs to better communicate deadlines particularly as they relate to funding opportunities. Melcher agreed to send out reminders if a board member would provide an annual calendar. Dulaney indicated that Ted Lehman is the most knowledgeable on these deadlines and he would ask Lehman to provide a calendar to Melcher.
4. 2008 Flagstaff Symposium.
Alan Dulaney read a letter of acknowledgement to Aregai Tecele regarding the great success of the 2008 Symposium. Tecele recognized the substantial effort of Erin Young, Margot Truini, and Dana Downs-Heimes. Aregai said that lesson learned from the joint symposium is "that we make sure that the committee makes the decisions." Costs should be lower for the 2009 symposium. Melcher requested a list of symposium attendants in order to update the membership list. Matt stated that he would update the website to include recognition of the symposium sponsors. The attendants generally agreed that membership payments after the symposium should be recorded for the following year.

5. Report from Planning Committee for the 2009 Symposium.

Alan stated that Keith Ross has been nominated to serve as co-chairman for the 2009 symposium. Paul Plato moved the nomination be accepted by the Corporate Board, Aregai Tecele seconded, and the resolution passed unanimously. * Alan stated that he will propose that any overage will be prorated between AHS and AIH based on the number of attendants. AHS will be listed first in any advertisement. Keith indicated that they met last week with Al Wyant and he was hired as the symposium consultant. More information on the symposium will be available at the January meeting, the committee is presently putting together a list of possible talks. *(It was later determined that the memorandum of understanding had been signed with both parties agreeing to an even split for any overage.)
6. Report from Standing Committees.
 - a. Newsletter-Alan indicated that the newsletter is looking very good. Nick stated that it was impossible to return drafts for editing, given the timelines. He indicated that he would proof and return any article with substantial re-writes, otherwise he will edit and release. Nick indicated that the chapter presidents should use Ted Lehman's Phoenix report as the template for chapter reports. He also indicated that he would attempt to use the same font for most text but many articles that are being included use fonts that are difficult to normalize.
 - b. Website- Matt Beversdorf suggested that the Foundation should have a separate page or perhaps a new website. Nick indicated a concern about the number of requests for mass mailouts. He is concerned that some may have little connection with AHS and may be viewed as spam by members. Nick agreed to write a draft policy regarding mass e-mailings.
 - c. Scholarships and Internships.

Aregai indicated that the information released regarding scholarships and internship should advise participants that the Society will reimburse selected participants for symposium attendance. Scholarship application deadline is April 30.
7. Phoenix Chapter Report.

Plans are underway for a PEST (Parameter Estimation) Course in conjunction with ADWR. John Dougherty has agreed to provide the training course at a cost of about \$7,500. Class will be limited to 20 participants.
8. Tucson Chapter Report.

The Tucson Chapter is planning a field trip led by Wally Wilson of the new Tucson Water Recharge Facilities. Damien Gosch, Student U of A, will be the new chapter treasurer.

9. Flagstaff Chapter Report.

The Zuni field trip will be re-organized possible for next April. Several miscellaneous field trip expenses from the 2008 Symposium need to be reported to AIPG.

10. New Business.

Nick Melcher suggested that for the Flagstaff and Tucson meetings that the Tucson or Flagstaff board members attend the meeting via video-conference. Melcher indicated that the USGS Tucson and Flagstaff office both have state-of-the-art video conferencing hardware. Melcher will check on availability. Teclé will contact Margot to see if Flagstaff will utilize this method.

11. Set next Meeting and Adjourn.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 24 and will be held at USGS if video conferencing is utilized otherwise it will be held at the office of Errol Montgomery and associates. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.