

Arizona Hydrological Society

Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting

Jan 24, 2009

Location: USGS Offices, 520 N Park Ave., Tucson, Arizona, 85719

Board Members Present: Alan Dulaney, Nick Melcher, Matthew Beversdorf, Marvin Glotfelty, Keith Ross, A Michael Geddis, Ted Lehman, Attending via videoconference from Flagstaff, Brad Hill, Margot Truini, and Erin Young.

1. Call to order and Introductions—Meeting called to order at 10:20 by Alan Dulaney. Alan Dulaney passed out the agenda (Handout 01.24.01) and introductions were made.
2. Review and approval of minutes from Oct 18, 2008, Corporate Board Meeting. Melcher passed out the draft notes (Handout01.24.02) Meeting notes were reviewed by all attendants and a few edits were identified and a correction was made regarding 2009 symposium proceeds split. Mike Geddis moved the notes be approved, Ted Lehman accepted and all approved.
3. Election of Corporate Board Officer for 2009. Mike Geddis moved that Alan Dulaney remain as President, Ted Lehman, remain as Vice President. Mike indicated that he would like to remain as treasurer for the balance of the year and will work remotely after his relocation in May. Melcher agreed to be secretary for the year. Mike Geddis moved the officers remain in place for one year, Jeff Gawad seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
4. AHS Treasurer's Report- Mike Geddis. Geddis reminded the Corporate Board that he had been treasurer for 5 years. He is moving to Saudi Arabia for two years and will finish the year as treasurer. Geddis would like to build a document that provide guidance for the AHS treasury. In lieu of the guidance from the IRs changes have been made to distance the Foundation from Society. Mike indicated that with that there needs to be involvement with Society officers in the Foundation to ensure compatibility of interests. Mike passed out the AHS "Statement of Financial Position" (Handout01.24.03). The statement showed an overall reduction in the AHS funds for the year 2009 primarily due to a payment entry for SAHRA for the 2007 symposium and unrealized investment losses. Mike then distributed the AHS Chapter budget report. (Handout01.24.04) The reports showed a \$4,000 board subsidy for the Tucson and Flagstaff offices. Ted indicated that the Phoenix number were affected by receipts for the PEST training and requested that the Phoenix Chapter receive a \$2500 subsidy. Ted then moved to approve the budget with the amendment for the Phoenix Chapter Jeff Gawad seconded and the motion was carried. Mike Geddis then distributed the 2009 Project Budget (Handout01.24.05).
5. Consideration of the AHS 2009 Budget, including discussion of ideas for disposition of proceeds from the 2008 Flagstaff event. Alan stated that we need to

provide some heavily subsidized dinners and training as a result of the 2008 symposium success. Ted Lehman stated that we need to provide a more sustainable approach to our finances. Several members expressed concern about the AHS finances in consideration of the general weak economy. In consideration of these concerns a motion was made by Mike Geddis to rescind approval of the budget, request new budget from the chapters with justification and delay any transfer of funds to the Foundation until later in the year. The motion was second by Ted Lehman and passed unanimously. It was also generally agreed that priorities for contributions to the Foundation should be elevated.

6. Report from the AHS Executive Director-Nick Melcher. Melcher passed out a copy of the requested draft of a policy statement (Handout01.24.06) regarding AHS mass emailings. The statement was accepted with a few minor edits. The Executive Director will have the authority to determine the suitability of information for mass emailings. Melcher provided Alan will a current list of paid members (455) and provided the chapter presidents with a complete list of prior members who are not current on dues. Melcher described the process for contacting members for dues payment and stated that on the following Monday bills will be sent to all 2006, 2007, or 2008 members. Melcher indicated that the contract needed renewal and that he would continue under all terms of the prior contract and requested travel reimbursement for travel to Phoenix and Flagstaff of \$100/day up to a maximum of \$600/day.
7. Report from the Planning Committee for the 2009 Symposium-Keith Ross. Planning is proceeding on schedule. Keith distributed the AHS AIH 2009 Symposium Budget Worksheet(Handout01.24.07) \$9500 has been received from sponsors. The committee is meeting every other Wednesday.
8. Selection of a Chairperson for the Planning Committee for the 2010 Symposium and brainstorming ideas. Jeff Gawad, Al Wynant, and Mike Geddis have held a preliminary meeting. Mike will not be able to chair the 2010 symposium because of his relocation. Mike Geddis made a motion that Jeff Gawad and Kate Duke be the co-chairs for the 2010 symposium in Tucson. Margot Truini seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
9. Report from and Consultations with the Arizona Hydrological Society Foundation. Marvin Glotfelty and Howard Grahm discussed several activities to raise funds for the Foundation. Both expressed their concern for overall AHS finances and agreed that any transfer of funds should be delayed.
10. Consideration of a 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award. Mike Geddis moved to solicit and authorize a lifetime achievement award for 2009. Mike Block has agreed to chair a committee. Nick will include a call for nominations if Mike Block will provide him with information.
11. Reports from Standing committees.
 1. Newsletter-Melcher indicated that he needed all sections to be submitted by the date. He needs at least 24-36 hours after last submission to layout, edit and distribute. He also stated that there is not sense in obsessing with consistency in the newsletter because the end product still looks different on different servers.

2. Website- Matt Beversdorf has added a calendar link. Foundation webpage to be established. Matt will send password to Erin Young who will update Flagstaff Chapter information
3. Scholarships and Internships-Tucson and Phoenix will provide Nick with information regarding deadlines for submission in newsletter.

12. Chapter Reports

1. Phoenix-Ted Lehman, Ted indicated that the January meeting was very successful. Nick Melcher will be speaking at the U of A Extension Center next week and Keith Ross will be speaking to the Chapter in February.
2. Flagstaff-Brad Hill-Plans are being made for a trip to the Zuni basin this spring.
3. Tucson Chapter –55 People attend Stan Leake’s “Capture Map” presentation. Plans are being made for Robert Webb, USGS, to make a presentation on his book “Ribbon of Green” in March at a dinner meeting.

13. New Business—Mike would like to remain Treasurer for the remainder of the year

14. Next Meeting- April 18—Next Corporate Board meeting in Phoenix. Margot moved to adjourn. Mike Geddis second and all approved. 2:15 pm Oct 24, 2009/.