

Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting January 14, 2010

The first meeting of the year 2010 for the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held in Ottawa, Illinois at the Illinois Waterway Visitors Center on January 14, 2010. Those attending the meeting included:

Kerry Behr	Erik Gil	Bob Murdock	Aaron Thomas
Scott Cofoid	Sarah Harbaugh	Paul Osman	Jeff Wickenkamp
Mike Cothard	Glenn Heistand	Lillian Prince	Loren Wobig
Terry Reuss Fell	Mary Lou Kalsted	Stuart Richter	
Amanda Flegel	Tom Kehoe	Michael Sutfin	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by Jeff Wickenkamp, followed by introductions.

1.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Recent correspondence included:

- Invitations have been received to attend Missouri and Michigan state conferences. Jeff Wickenkamp brought these conference agendas for everyone to take a look at. Jeff stated that IAFSM might be able to fund someone from the Board to attend. If anyone from the Board is interested in going, talk to Jeff.
- Larry Larson from ASFPM has been appointed to FEMA's National Advisory Committee. Jeff Wickenkamp sent a note of congratulations.
- Our Chapter renewal paperwork is in, and Jeff gave this to Sarah Harbaugh, Executive Secretary, to file.
- CFM Memorandum of Agreement – Sarah to file as well.
- For donation to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, IAFSM has received the receipt as well as a Thank You letter. Jeff gave these items to Treasurer Loren Wobig to file.

2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

For the final minutes, the following amendment will be made to the draft minutes of the November 2009 meeting. Replace: "Amanda has been named the Training and Outreach Committee Chair for ASFPM. She will be contacting people in Region V next week on her duties as Committee Chair for the next year. One thing under consideration is she may pre-plan Floodplain 101 seminars." Substitute with: "Amanda is on the ASFPM Training and Outreach Committee, and she has volunteered to be the Region V liaison to get responses from the Region for a training survey. She will be contacting people in Region V about this next week. For IAFSM, she is hoping to plan some additional courses for the summer in advance for announcement at the conference in March."

Jeff Wickenkamp moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting with the amendment. Mike Cothard seconded the motion and the motion carried.

3.0 OFFICER REPORTS

3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT – Loren Wobig

Treasurer Loren Wobig distributed the latest budget report and account balances. He reported that we have incurred some good expenses, and he will be balancing the accounts in order to keep \$25,000 in checking. The 9-month CD is coming due and Executive Secretary Sarah Harbaugh's contract is due July 31. Loren mentioned that the financial record filing boxes are full, and he would like to free up space in the boxes or buy a new box. Loren Wobig moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jeff Wickenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Loren will send out a draft budget for comment at the next meeting. Any known budget modifications should be sent to Loren by February 1.

3.2 OTHER OFFICERS

Secretary Lillian Prince suggested we establish pages on the IAFSM website for each committee. As Website Information Director, Lillian will get this set up and will be the contact person for each committee chair to keep their information accurate and current.

Since the last Board meeting, one email vote occurred on December 1, 2009. The motion for the vote was to adopt the revised CFM Program documents to concur with the ASFPM Testing Process, which will become effective for the IAFSM on January 1, 2010. Matt Wahl made the motion, and Lillian Prince seconded the motion and called for a vote. The motion carried.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 CRS COMMITTEE – Mary Lou Kalsted, Chair

Mary Lou Kalsted reminded the Board that there will be a CRS Committee meeting on February 10.

Mary Lou reported that she and Scott Cofoid, ISO/CRS Specialist, have been talking to Colorado, especially about elevation certificate training. She suggested it would be a great seminar to help learn how to fill out the form correctly. Paul Osman stated that he is also instructing a seminar like this on February 18 for the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association (IPLSA).

To communicate with the CRS Committee and transmit documents, Mary Lou would like to have an online forum that is password protected, and she has been working on this with Lillian Prince to see if this can be setup on the IAFSM website.

4.2 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Matt Wahl, Chair

No report from Matt. Jeff Wickenkamp will discuss future Committee responsibilities with Matt before the next meeting. With our CFM exam switching to the National version instead of maintaining a State version, the certification committee may take on a new role.

4.3 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Kay Whitlock, Chair

No report from Kay. Paul Osman reported that the Senate Bill 1909, a.k.a. "STAR Bonds Financing Act" had failed. Previously, IAFSM had sent a letter frowning on this Bill, as it would have lessened flood protection, putting critical facilities, such as nursing homes, at great risk. Unfortunately, the text of Mental Health Bill (SB 2093) has been altered by Senator Haine to reintroduce the STAR Bonds Financial Act, and the Board is concerned this new bill will be rubber-stamped under the guise of healthcare. This does not sit well with Board for two reasons. First, incentivizing development in the floodplain and increasing a known safety hazard for the sick and elderly is unethical. Second, IAFSM had given Senator Haine an award 10 years ago to applaud his efforts for floodplain management. Now, the Board may need to consider rescinding this award or taking other measures in order to publicly separate IAFSM from the Senator's recent floodplain-related legislature.

4.4 NEWSLETTER – Jennifer Maercklein, Chair

Jennifer was unable to attend the meeting, but she had emailed in her report. The winter newsletter was sent last week. The spring newsletter will be sent in early April, and it will recap our March conference and provide information on our award winners. The April newsletter's article submittal deadline will be March 19. Please let Jennifer know if you intend to submit something, so that she can watch for it.

The summer newsletter submittal deadline will be pushed up one month from June to May 21 for an early June publication. Jennifer will bring a list of possible summer articles to the March Board meeting for consideration.

The fall newsletter will go back on regular schedule with articles due September 24 for early October publication.

4.5 EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Amanda Flegel, Chair

Amanda Flegel received an email from Western Illinois University's soil and water conservation class, where 42 students are interested in conducting informational interviews with IAFSM Board members. A poll was taken, and all 17 Board members are interested and can recruit others as well. Amanda will follow up with the teacher and will send the Board the information for their interviews.

Amanda is taking ideas for pre-conference seminars for next year's conference.

4.6 FLOOD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Erik Gil, Chair

Erik Gil's report entails pre-conference seminar planning and will be covered later in the meeting during discussion about the annual conference.

4.7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Bob Murdock, Chair

Bob Murdock reported that he attended the meeting in November for the Green Infrastructure for Clean Water Study. Approximately 30 professionals were invited to the meeting to provide comment on the study, which is being conducted by UIC in conjunction with agencies to look at green infrastructure techniques and the effectiveness of improving stormwater quality on a macro (city) scale through usage of BMPs. Bob submitted his comments on the study and will continue to stay apprised of the progress. The next update is due in April. Bob will send an email to Martin Jaffe to follow up and request a status update. There may perhaps be an opportunity for IAFSM as an organization to submit an official response to the study.

There is a request for a BMP seminar to take place in Rock Island. The Stormwater Committee is considering this for April.

4.8 MITIGATION COMMITTEE – Terry Reuss Fell, Chair

Terry Reuss Fell reported that she is looking forward to the conference's mitigation session to garner discussion material from the audience as ideas for focusing the committee's next efforts.

4.9 WETLANDS COMMITTEE – Tom Kehoe, Chair

Tom Kehoe reported that he would like more committee members. He also stated that the Clean Water Act Restoration has been stalled. This was the legislation to restore federal protection of isolated wetlands and is met with mixed opinions on its potential benefit.

4.10 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair

No report.

4.11 AWARDS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair

Paul Osman stated that one award nomination has been received.

4.12 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE– Kerry Behr, Chair

Kerry Behr reported that the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) will be sending two people to our conference, and the American Planning Association (APA) may also. She reminded the group that we decided to offer conference attendance scholarships for two people at each of three organizations for a total of six scholarships. Kerry said she is asking these organizations about the possibility for IAFSM to attend their conferences as well. Kerry will also reach out to ILPSA.

4.13 YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Mark Hoskins, Chair

Mark Hoskins has relocated and the Board is in receipt of his January 11 resignation letter. The Board discussed keeping this position going, since it had been created relatively recently due to Mark’s enthusiasm and interest. Board members will talk with people who may be interested in filling this Chair position. Amanda Flegel will serve as the caretaker of the university scholarships and water tables in the interim. We have not yet seen the expected progress reports due from two of the universities. Amanda, Loren and Jeff will work together to coordinate with the universities on their timeline and deliverables. Amanda will create a calendar for usage of the water tables. There is a video for using the water table, and Loren Wobig will send Lillian Prince this for posting on the website, www.illinoisfloods.org. There was also some discussion on what this committee might do moving forward, and the idea was posed to possibly develop a “kit” that could go to any elementary school to accompany IAFSM volunteers who go there to talk about stormwater.

4.14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Mike Cothard, Chair

The conference dates are March 10 and 11, 2010. Mike Cothard distributed the latest conference schedule. Through discussion, there were some refinements made to session titles and timeslots of scheduled speakers. Sarah Harbaugh, Executive Secretary, will finish the conference flyers and distribute the agenda to the membership. The price of the conference is the same as last year.

For the pre-conference, which is scheduled for March 9th, the announcements for the seminars will go out at the same time as the conference announcement. The seminars will be: HEC-RAS Panel (1/2 day), EPASWMM for BMPs (full day) and Floodplain 101 (full day). Amanda Flegel, Erik Gil and Bob Murdock have been organizing the pre-conference seminars.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Constitution and Bylaws

It is time to update the constitution and bylaws with a new signature page. Bylaws may also need to be amended. Jeff Wickenkamp will look into this for next meeting.

5.2 Donations Policy

Jeff Wickenkamp and Stu Richter are working together to craft a policy or add verbiage to the bylaws about this.

5.3 Coordination with University Grant Recipients

Jeff Wickenkamp, Loren Wobig and Amanda Flegel will coordinate, as discussed under Youth Outreach Committee above.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Watershed Models Policy

It will be required to transport the models, not ship them. One model is too large to fit into a car the size of, say, a Civic, but would fit in a mini-van. Sarah Harbaugh will be the point person in charge of “checkout” of the models. When not checked-out, the models

will be housed at the IDNR facilities. There needs to be a checklist of the each model's components for full accounting with each checkout.

6.2 State Stormwater Management Regulations

IAFSM was contacted by Representative Bob Pritchard to find out what ideas on legislation we may have for statewide floodplain and stormwater management. IAFSM may do a white paper. Jeff Wickenkamp will follow up with him.

6.3 Streamgage Support Letter

ASFPM sent us a request to write a letter to support congressional federal funding. Jeff Wickenkamp will start this letter.

6.4 Floodplain Management and Liability Reporter

IAFSM is in receipt of this newsletter, asking us to join the association. After some discussion, the Board did not have enough interest at this time.

6.5 University Student/Professor Conference Scholarships

A couple of students from the University of Illinois previously won these scholarships. The Board decided to forego offering scholarships this year but will consider offering a student rate for conference attendance.

6.6 "All Chapters" Conference Call

This conference call is scheduled for January 15 at 1pm central time. Loren Wobig and Jeff Wickenkamp will be on the call and will report back at the next meeting.

6.7 IAFSM Shirts

Paul Osman reported that at the conference, the "Big Flood" t-shirts will be available at for \$10 each and IAFSM logo polo shirts will be available for \$15 each.

6.8 LinkedIn

Lillian Prince moved to make our IAFSM LinkedIn Group official and available for current and past members to join. Mary Lou Kalsted seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Lillian will continue to serve as LinkedIn Group administrator.

7.0 RATIFICATION

Kerry Behr moved to ratify and affirm all delegated and authorized acts of the Board of Officers, Chairs and staff for and on behalf of the Association. Loren Wobig seconded the motion and the motion carried.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Wickenkamp moved to adjourn the meeting of the IAFSM Board. Erik Gil seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

The next IAFSM Board Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. (to end at 9:00 a.m.) on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the Holiday Inn and Tinley Park Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois.

Respectively submitted,

Lillian B. Prince, PE, LEED AP, CFM
IAFSM Board Secretary