

**Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting
September 10, 2009**

The September 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held in Morris, Illinois at the Grundy County Government Center on September 10, 2009. Those attending the meeting included:

Mike Cothard	Sarah Harbaugh	Jennifer Maercklein	Loren Wobig
Terry Reuss Fell	Mark Hoskins	Paul Osman	
Amanda Flegel	Mary Lou Kalsted	Lillian Prince	
Erik Gil	Tom Kehoe	Jeff Wickenkamp	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Jeff Wickenkamp.

1.1 CORRESPONDENCE

Recent correspondence included:

- August 25, 2009 letter to Governor Quinn, regarding SB 1909, a.k.a. "STAR Bonds Financing Act". The status on SB 1909 is that Quinn vetoed it based on the State budget not being able to afford it. It was amended and sent back to the House.

2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Jennifer Maercklein moved to approve the minutes of the July 8, 2009 meeting. Mike Cothard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

3.0 OFFICER REPORTS

3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT – Loren Wobig

Treasurer Loren Wobig distributed the latest budget report and account balances. He announced that we are now a Kane County organization instead of a Will County organization, and Executive Secretary Sarah Harbaugh is the registered agent, replacing our former registered agent French Wetmore. Sarah has been processing credit cards now for seminars, and the fee we pay for accepting credit cards has been roughly 5.4%. Loren Wobig moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jeff Wickenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

All Board members and Chairs have reviewed the 2009-2010 Budget. Jennifer Maercklein moved to approve the 2009-2010 Budget, Mary Lou Kalsted seconded the motion, and the proposed budget passed.

For Committee Chairs that are planning seminars, when the Board conducts a vote to hold the seminar, it will now become practice that the motion to hold the seminar should include requesting a check for the deposit amount for the seminar location (as long as the amount is within the Chair's allocated budget). Should the deposit amount exceed the Chair's budgeted amount, a separate action will be needed.

3.2 OTHER OFFICERS

Secretary Lillian Prince distributed the tallied results of the two email votes that occurred since the last Board meeting. The first vote opened on July 14 and closed after a majority was reached on July 16. This vote was conducted to determine whether to allow each respective committee chair to plan and implement the training seminars listed below. This includes authorizing each of these chairpersons to commit IAFSM to expenditures up to \$1,000 related to the conference without further Board approval:

- Education Chair: Amanda Flegel - Floodplain 101 Seminar in Collinsville in early September & Streambank Protection and Design Classes (one in Springfield and one in the Chicago area) in late fall.

- Stormwater Committee: Bob Murdock - BMP Workshop in Naperville in September.
- Flood Management: Erik Gil - LOMR Twilight Dinner Seminar and MWRDGC Twilight Dinner Seminar late this fall.

This email vote was motioned by Jeff Wickenkamp, seconded by Jennifer Maercklein, and after votes were tallied, the motion carried.

The second vote opened on July 23 and closed after a majority had been tallied on July 27. The motion from Loren Wobig was for IAFSM to adopt a resolution officially changing the Association's Registered Agent from French Wetmore to Sarah Harbaugh and officially changing the Association's Registered Corporate Office from Will County (153 Nanti Street, Park Forest, Illinois) to Kane County (35W749 Bluff Drive, St. Charles, Illinois 60175) and report such change to the Illinois Secretary of State with necessary fees. The resolution further authorizes Sarah Harbaugh to file a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a certified copy of the State's Statement of Change Report (obtained from the Illinois Secretary of State) with the Recorder of Deeds of Kane County as appropriate. Jeff Wickenkamp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 CRS COMMITTEE – Mary Lou Kalsted, Chair

No report.

4.2 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Matt Wahl, Chair

No report from Matt. Jennifer Maercklein reminded the group that the upcoming CFM exam is on September 16th.

4.3 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Kay Whitlock, Chair

No report from Kay. Paul Osman mentioned he had recently spoken with Kay regarding Illinois House Resolution 163, which passed on April 22, 2009. HR 163 creates a task force to study local government development standards and processes and their effect on watershed, wetlands and floodplains. It is reported that the intent of the task force is to study various issues in regards to development standards and to ensure that our local governments are following the highest standards possible when they are approving development near our natural resources. The task force shall report its recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2010. Kay was asked by Tom Cross' office to send in her resume for consideration to be a part of the task force. As of this meeting, nothing has been heard back on this.

Jeff Wickenkamp reported on the progress put forth by the Center for Neighborhood Technology (CNT) on a statewide stormwater management ordinance. He said that CNT is setting up a review committee, and they have hired Martin Jaffe from the University of Illinois at Chicago. There is still opportunity to get involved on the technical review committee, which will review statewide regulations and perform a feasibility study for forming an ordinance.

Paul Osman stated that there is a new federal executive order being drafted. Paul also reported that the State executive order is under fire as "stopping development" in areas where levees have been decertified. IAFSM Board may need to write a letter to support the State order. IDNR has prepared an amendment, which will allow evacuation in lieu of flood protection; however, that is a risky venture when dealing with vulnerable populations. It is not the best option. Paul will keep us posted on IDNR's action.

Paul also reported that the levees protecting East St. Louis are decertified and the area behind the levees will be mapped as 20' below the base flood elevation. There are political attempts to pass legislation that will prevent residents located behind these decertified levees from having to buy flood insurance. The new legislation being introduced will have a national effect.

Bob Murdoch had emailed the Board with his report for the meeting, in which he called attention to PA 96-0026, the Green Infrastructure for Clean Water Act. The Act requires that by June 30, 2010, the Illinois EPA, in consultation with IDNR, IDOT, the Capital Development Board, stormwater management agencies, and other interested parties, review the current scientific research and institutional knowledge and report to the General Assembly and the Governor on 1) nature and extent of urban stormwater impacts on water quality in watersheds in Illinois; 2) potential urban stormwater management performance standards to address flooding, water pollution, stream erosion, habitat quality, and the effectiveness of green infrastructure practices to achieve such standards, etc.

4.4 NEWSLETTER – Jennifer Maercklein, Chair

Jennifer Maercklein reported that the next newsletter will be published in early October. Jennifer needs everyone's submittals by September 29. She mentioned that she has already received some good articles for this newsletter, but it would be nice to include something like "Notes from the DNR" (perhaps from Gary Clark's desk) or "Notes from FEMA" (perhaps from the desk of David Schein). For these sections for the upcoming newsletter, Paul Osman or Loren Wobig will provide 3-4 sentences.

4.5 EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Amanda Flegel, Chair

Amanda Flegel reported that the Floodplain 101 seminar on September 9 was cancelled and has been moved to Wednesday, November 18 in Colinsville. The deposit for the seminar had already been approved, and Amanda requested approval for necessary funds to cover the room fee, food costs, etc. Terry Reuss Fell seconded the motion and the motion carried. Amanda mentioned there is a possibility for a Mitigation seminar, which she will coordinate with Terry Reuss Fell. Amanda said that since other Chairs are actively planning their own seminars now, she is starting to look for more direction for her position as Education Outreach Chair. Suggestions that came up include collaborating more with Youth Outreach and Inter-Organizational Committees.

4.6 FLOOD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Erik Gil, Chair

Erik and Amanda are working together with Bob Murdock and Tom Kehoe to develop a Streambank Stabilization Seminar. Erik stated that with the other seminars currently being planned, not a lot of work has been done for this seminar yet. Amanda has received a few emails in response to a request for interest in this seminar in the last newsletter. Paul Osman suggested that the seminar be coordinated around the NRCS State conference as perhaps a nighttime seminar during the conference. Erik reminded the Board that the LOMR seminar is scheduled for November 3 at Fountain Blue and the MWRDGC seminar will be scheduled for either late in October or the 2nd week in November. There was some discussion on fair individual cost to attend the seminars. Erik requested funding for the MWRDGC event. Jeff Wickenkamp made a motion for IAFSM to cut a check for the event's deposit at the Fountain Blue facility. Mary Lou Kalsted seconded the motion and the motion passed.

4.7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Bob Murdock, Chair

Bob Murdock was unable to make it to the meeting, but had emailed in his report. The Stormwater Management Committee is on track for the BMP Design Workshop to take place on September 29. So far, 80 people have signed up for the Workshop and the venue can accommodate 20 more and there is still time. Due to the high demand for the

afternoon session, which will be able to accommodate only 40 people, the Committee is considering doing another one of these Workshops, to take place perhaps early next year or the day before the 2010 IAFSM Annual Conference.

Loren Wobig suggested that an Unsteady HEC-RAS course would be beneficial, especially downstate. He said that ideally this course would show applications and true examples of working through a model. He went further to say that a local panel or software users community would be helpful. Also he would be interested in seeing a presentation of such examples at the 2010 Conference.

Bob also mentioned in his report that the Stormwater Committee plans to lend its input on needed requirements for stormwater management in urban settings, etc.

4.8 MITIGATION COMMITTEE – Terry Reuss Fell, Chair

Terry Reuss Fell reported that she is searching for ideas and direction for the committee and may like to solicit this in the next newsletter. Meanwhile, she is also trying to think of ways to relieve burden on IDNR and IEMA. Terry stated that as a floodplain management and mitigation coordination “booster shot”, she will draft a letter to be sent by IAFSM Chair Jeff Wickenkamp, as an effort to reach out to IEMA. Paul Osman said he would send some text to Terry as a starting point for the letter.

Terry would also like to see workshops on mitigation start to take shape. She mentioned she would talk to Amanda Flegel, Education Chair, to see what she can do to help out with the upcoming Floodplain 101 seminar on November 18. Another workshop idea that Terry brought up would be a Floodproofing workshop, which could cater to an audience such as schools and businesses, and would discuss flood, wind and earthquake hazard information and training. Mary Lou Kalsted suggested that critical facilities also be invited to attend this workshop. Terry also put forward the idea of a possible Benefit-Cost workshop. It was mentioned that as these workshop ideas congeal, Amanda would be available to help with the downstate training opportunities.

4.9 WETLANDS COMMITTEE – Tom Kehoe, Chair

Tom Kehoe reported that the Wetlands Committee has not yet met in person due to scheduling conflicts, but there have been some discussions through email. The main topic of committee discussion recently was the Clean Water Restoration Act, which is federal legislation that has been undergoing consideration over the past two years. Tom stated that the feds want to restore authority over wetlands (some are currently considered not federal, but rather isolated wetlands). The legislation, Tom continued, is still at the subcommittee level. The main drive is to remove the ambiguities of the definition of the Waters Of The U.S., which currently states “navigable waterways”. The debate is focused on whether to remove the word “navigable”. The opposition to removing the word comes from regulations on private ownership. Tom suggested that IAFSM write a letter to members of the Senate and House subcommittee to support the legislation to remove the word “navigable” but to also point out that there are positives and negatives to this. Tom said that he would draft the letter for the Board to review and Jeff Wickenkamp to sign.

Tom said that a Wetlands Committee meeting will be scheduled for late September or early October.

4.10 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair

No report.

4.11 AWARDS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair

Paul Osman stated that one awards submittal has been received.

4.12 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE– Kerry Behr, Chair

No report.

4.13 YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Mark Hoskins, Chair

Mark Hoskins reported that two of the three scholarship grant contracts are ready to sign (U of I and IIT), and that the contract for NWU should be ready in about one month.

There is a table-top model that demonstrates stormwater management, showing how detention, wetlands, etc. are necessary. Mark mentioned it would be good to consider purchasing (\$1,000) this for outreach. The model needs someone to manually run it, as it is not self-running. Mary Lou Kalsted motioned to purchase one model and a hard-sided case (if it does not already come with one). Jennifer Maercklein seconded the motion and the motion passed. An article about the table-top model will be featured in the next newsletter.

Loren Wobig added that Kidzeum is a part of a new park in Springfield, and IAFSM could offer to donate exhibits or funding for something of a floodplain management ensemble there. Loren is scheduled to meet with the Kidzeum design team on September 24 at IDNR in Springfield to brainstorm ideas for what the stormwater management table will look like. Loren mentioned that preliminary ideas mimic Mud Island in Memphis, perhaps including major watersheds of Illinois.

4.14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Mike Cothard, Chair

The conference dates are March 10 and 11, 2010. Mike Cothard reported the decision on the conference location had come down to two places: Rosemont or Tinley Park. After much debate, Mike obtained a contract from Tinley Park. There may be an issue with maximum occupancy, and Mike is working that out. The cost for the facility in Tinley is \$9,450 for the rooms and \$20,000 minimum food and drink purchase. Mike requested a check for deposit at the facility, which was so moved by Lillian Prince. Jeff Wickenkamp seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mike will be working out the food options to discuss later.

There is a speaker from Australia that Paul Osman and Mike Cothard are enthusiastic about having as a plenary speaker. Loren Wobig motioned to authorize Paul to initiate travel plans for this speaker. Erik Gil seconded the motion and the motion passed. Other dynamic speakers are also being considered for the plenary sessions. In addition, a field trip option is being considered along with a workshop on March 9. At the next Board meeting, we will discuss abstract selection, proctors and workshops. Mike will design the session schedule for next meeting's discussion.

The next newsletter will contain the conference location, date and call for speakers. There will be a form for the call for speakers, and Sarah will distribute to the membership. Jeff Wickenkamp suggested that the committees get involved in putting together sessions. This worked particularly well at last year's conference. Jeff also mentioned that he would like to put the presentations from last year's conference on the website, www.illinoisfloods.org, but he is concerned because they are especially large files in size. Lillian Prince to talk to website administrator on storage space allotted.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS**5.1 Constitution and Bylaws**

This was tabled for a later meeting.

5.2 Donations Policy

Also tabled.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS**6.1 Awards “Exchange”**

The Ruby Award was received by IAFSM from ASFPM “in Appreciation for Sustained Significant Contributions”. Sally McConkey, former IAFSM Board Chair, accepted the award on IAFSM’s behalf at the national conference.

6.2 LinkedIn.com

Lillian Prince mentioned forming an official IAFSM Group on www.Linkedin.com as potentially an informal way to disseminate information to the membership and/or general public, allow fellow online group members to communicate with each other (e.g., committee ongoings, H&H software users group, etc.), and serve as a light PR mechanism for IAFSM. Lillian asked that Board members check out LinkedIn.com, which is free to create an account, does not require a public profile, and can be deactivated by the user at any time. Further discussion on forming the online IAFSM community may take place via email or at a later meeting.

6.3 Marketing Materials

Mary Lou Kalsted showed the group a window cling she received as a new member of another organization. She thought it was a good idea and suggested it to the Board for consideration among other marketing items in ongoing discussion.

7.0 RATIFICATION

Lillian Prince 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 12:44 p.m.

The next IAFSM Board Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. (to end at 1:00 p.m.) on Thursday, November 19, 2009 at the Grundy County Government Center in Morris, Illinois

Respectively submitted,

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