

## **Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting July 14, 2010**

The July 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held at the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center on July 14, 2010. Those attending the meeting included:

Andrew Braun	Erik Gil	Paul Osman	Brad Winters
Kerry Behr	Sarah Harbaugh	Lillian Prince	Loren Wobig
Mike Cothard	Glenn Heistand	Stu Richter	Tony Wolff
Amanda Flegel	Mary Lou Kalsted	Jeff Wickenkamp	

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Jeff Wickenkamp, and attendees introduced themselves.

#### **1.1 SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY KIDZEUM**

Rachael Thomson, President of Kidzeum of Health and Science, gave a presentation on the concept of Kidzeum and the exhibits that will be housed there. Ms. Thomson requested a donation from IAFSM to cover the levee and dam safety portion of the Healthy Earth Gallery. If choose to donate to Kidzeum, a payment schedule would be very flexible.

#### **1.2 CORRESPONDENCE**

June 21, 2010 letter to Amy Walkenbach of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, to provide input on The Illinois Green Infrastructure Study, a report to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, dated May 28, 2010.

### **2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jeff Wickenkamp to approve the March 11, 2010 meeting minutes. Mike Cothard seconded the motion and the motion carried. A motion was made by Stu Richter to approve the May 12, 2010 meeting minutes. Loren Wobig seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **3.0 OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT – Loren Wobig**

Treasurer Loren Wobig distributed the latest account balance summary, including the checking, savings and CDs. The latest expenses include post-conference and seminar bills. Due to this activity, the total balance is approximately \$7,000 lower than the Treasurer's Report in May. Jeff Wickenkamp moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Erik Gil seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

#### **3.2 OTHER OFFICERS**

Vice Chair and Annual Conference Committee Chair Mike Cothard brought up that the ASFPM conference in June was good. He mentioned that there is a Region 5 ASFPM director opening.

### **4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **4.1 CRS COMMITTEE – Mary Lou Kalsted, Chair**

Mary Lou Kalsted reported that the next CRS Committee meeting is coming up on July 21 in Lisle. The committee will discuss seminars that they are considering hosting this year, and Mary Lou continues to encourage her committee members to attend the annual conference. Mary Lou has been working with Scott Cofoid on the CRS Committee's efforts. Paul Osman stated that he is gathering some repetitive loss data to come up with a statewide list, which can be maintained with current status.

**4.2 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Matt Wahl, Chair**

No report.

**4.3 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Kay Whitlock, Chair**

No report from Kay. It was mentioned that the Legislation Committee helped with the Green Infrastructure letter that was sent out on June 21.

**4.4 NEWSLETTER – Jennifer Maercklein, Chair**

Jennifer was unable to attend the meeting, but she had emailed in her report. The summer newsletter went out as planned, and she is gathering content for the fall newsletter. The deadline for contributions is September 24. The fall newsletter will be published in early October. Jennifer is looking for ideas for a Cover Story. The last two newsletters included a request for members to provide story ideas, but as of yet, no such input has been received.

**4.5 EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Amanda Flegel, Chair**

Amanda reported she has been in communication with the universities that are currently contracted to receive IAFSM grants. The reports from the universities are posted on the IAFSM website ([www.illinoisfloods.org/grant\\_program.html](http://www.illinoisfloods.org/grant_program.html)). Amanda mentioned that there are two CFM exams coming up. She would like to hold a Radar Rainfall seminar in late August, with the anticipation that this will be a two-day afternoon series. Amanda made a motion for approval of \$5,000 to hold the seminar. Loren Wobig seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Other seminars still under consideration for this year include Floodplain 101 and Dam Safety. Paul Osman stated that there are lots of levees being decertified and the US Army Corps of Engineers is finding fewer levees that are eligible for PL84. In these areas of the state, there is interest for brief workshops to cover Floodplain 101, levee certification, and buyouts.

Please contact Amanda if you have suggestions for seminar topics. Amanda is also taking ideas for pre-conference seminars for next year's conference.

**4.6 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Erik Gil, Chair**

Erik reported that the committee has not received much feedback on holding another FEQ seminar. The committee is considering hosting an IDNR "rules and regulations" dinner seminar.

**4.7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Bob Murdock, Chair**

Bob was unable to attend the meeting, but he had emailed in his committee report. The committee held a one-day workshop on Construction Erosion and Sediment Control in Moline at the I-Wireless Center on May 25. The workshop covered a variety of topics, including Illicit Discharge Detection and Post Construction BMPs. The presentation slides from the workshop are posted on the website ([www.illinoisfloods.org/conferences.html](http://www.illinoisfloods.org/conferences.html)). ASCE has expressed interest in working with the Stormwater Management Committee to host a BMP seminar. Bob is going to follow-up on this.

Bob was instrumental in writing the June 21 letter to IEPA to give our feedback on the Green Infrastructure Study. One of the concerns IAFSM expressed with the Study was the very abbreviated time allotment for feedback. It was decided that the feedback would likely be considered tardy for the given due date, but that an effective letter from IAFSM would have to come from the Executive Board, as opposed to individuals sending their own letters.

**4.8 MITIGATION COMMITTEE – Terry Reuss Fell, Chair**

No report from Terry. Paul Osman mentioned that some money has been made available to counties that were federally declared disasters in 2008.

- 4.9 WETLANDS COMMITTEE – Tom Kehoe, Chair**  
No report.
- 4.10 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair**  
No report.
- 4.11 AWARDS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair**  
No report.
- 4.12 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE– Kerry Behr, Chair**  
Kerry Behr stated she has recently contacted APA, IEMA and IEASDA. There are possible cross-training opportunities with these associations and perhaps we can offer them scholarships to attend our conference.
- 4.13 YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Andrew Braun, Chair**  
Andrew has been in contact with a couple of universities. He is looking for more university contacts, so he can spread the word about our grants. Andrew will draft a Request for Proposal for the next round of University Grants.
- 4.14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Mike Cothard, Chair**  
Mike Cothard stated that the annual conference is booked for March 8-10, 2011 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriot. Parking at the hotel might be about \$6 for attendees who are not staying the night at the hotel. Mike is looking for ideas for plenary sessions and the call for speakers will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 5.0 OLD BUSINESS**
- 5.1 Constitution and Bylaws**  
Jeff Wickenkamp provided copies of the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws for the Board to review. Jeff called for a vote and motioned for approval of the proposed changes to the Constitution. Motion carried. Jeff called for a vote and motioned for approval of the changes to the Bylaws. Motion carried.
- 5.2 Donations Policy**  
Tabled to next meeting.
- 5.3 Kidzeum**  
The Board discussed the Kidzeum presentation and possible donation. The donation requested was \$57,000, to cover the cost of the \$36,375 for the levee exhibit and \$20,625 for the dam exhibit. Paul Osman suggested that there might be additional funds available from other agencies. The Board showed interest in the donation, and Loren Wobig will draft a contract for the total of \$57,000 to be paid out over a term of five years.
- 5.4 IAFSM 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference**  
Stu Richter is arranging for a special presentation award.
- 6.0 NEW BUSINESS**
- 6.1 Executive Secretary Contract**  
Paul Osman moved to sign the renewal contract Sarah Harbaugh as Executive Secretary. Stu Richter seconded the motion and the motion carried.
- 6.2 Status Update on the Water Tables**  
Some maintenance has been required and attended to. Please let Sarah Harbaugh know of any maintenance needs observed when borrowing the water tables.

- 6.3 All Chapters Call 7-15-10 @ 1 p.m.**  
Jeff and Loren will be on the call. The next call is scheduled for September 16, 2010.
- 6.4 Interest in Hosting National Conference**  
There is a chance that the Illinois Chapter could host a National Conference a few years from now. This is a major undertaking for a Chapter, and may require a high level of effort and coordination. The Board would like to ask the membership in the next newsletter for volunteers to form an exploratory committee to determine if hosting a National Conference is feasible.
- 6.5 Interest in Hosting Pilot State Flood Risk Management Symposium with Support from ASFPM**  
Tabled to next meeting.
- 6.6 Award for Lifetime Achievement**  
Paul Osman stated that he would like to be able to offer a larger value award for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

**7.0 RATIFICATION**  
Stu Richter 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. Mike Cothard seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

The next IAFSM Board Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. (to end at 1:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, September 15, 2010 at the Lisle Police Department, 5040 Lincoln Avenue, Lisle, Illinois.

Respectively submitted,

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