

Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting September 15, 2010

The September 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held at the Lisle Police Department on September 15, 2010. Those attending the meeting included:

Andrew Braun	Erik Gil	Jennifer Maercklein	Jeff Wickenkamp
Kerry Behr	Sarah Harbaugh	Paul Osman	Brad Winters
Mike Cothard	Mary Lou Kalsted	Lillian Prince	Loren Wobig
Ron Davis	Kevin Konniff	Matt Wahl	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Jeff Wickenkamp.

1.1 CORRESPONDENCE

No letters of correspondence since the July 2010 Board meeting.

2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Lou Kalsted to approve the July 14, 2010 meeting minutes. Kerry Behr 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 last post-conference bills have been paid. Jeff Wickenkamp moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Mike Cothard seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 CRS COMMITTEE – Mary Lou Kalsted, Chair

Mary Lou Kalsted reported on the CRS Committee meeting held on July 21 in Lisle. 17 people attended. Scott Cofoid presented information about the upcoming October 1 recertification and about repetitive loss. The group also shared information about highest-scoring activities for CRS communities. The next CRS Committee meeting is scheduled for October 28 in Ottawa, where Paul Osman will be a guest speaker.

4.2 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Matt Wahl, Chair

Matt Wahl reported that the reliability and validity testing done on the national CFM exam will result in some changes to the exam in the next three to four years. For example, the true-false section may be entirely replaced with a different format. Also, a pool of questions needs to be developed, so that exams are similar in difficulty but not repeating the same questions. The roll-out for the revised exam is scheduled for 2014.

4.3 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Kay Whitlock, Chair

No report from Kay. Mike Cothard mentioned perhaps forming a committee to assign regions to contact politicians and elected officials. Jeff Wickenkamp stated that we could put some preparation into ASCE's meet-and-greet of legislators that will occur in Springfield. Paul Osman said that more legislation regarding levees is expected to surface.

4.4 NEWSLETTER – Jennifer Maercklein, Chair

Jennifer Maercklein reported that the deadline for contributions for the fall newsletter is September 24. The fall newsletter will be published in early October. Two big articles will

anchor this newsletter. There was discussion on other possible contributions and articles, and it seems that the fall newsletter have lots of great items to share.

4.5 EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Amanda Flegel, Chair

Amanda was unable to attend the meeting, but she had emailed in her report. The radar rainfall seminar was successful, and the location was filled with 48 attendees. Two of the presenters agreed to post their presentations on the IAFSM website. The Floodplain 101 seminar has been postponed to early next year at the earliest, and it may take place in the Chicagoland area. On the IAFSM website, a few links have been added to the Education Outreach Committee page. For the next meeting, Amanda will draft a letter to IDNR to request support for a future dam safety workshop. Paul Osman stated that there seem to be a number of non-IAFSM sponsored (and for-profit) Floodplain 101 seminars that are popping up, and he warns that the content of these seminars may not be up to Illinois' floodplain management standards.

4.6 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Erik Gil, Chair

Erik Gil reported that the Floodplain Management Committee will be hosting an IDNR “rules and regulations” dinner seminar. Erik is working with Gary Jereb to schedule this. Jeff Wickenkamp motioned to authorize Erik to enter into a contract up to \$5,000 to hold this seminar. Mary Lou Kalsted seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Erik has also started talking with David Williams about holding an ethics workshop at the annual conference.

4.7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Bob Murdock, Chair

Bob was unable to attend the meeting, but he had emailed in his Committee report. Stormwater Committee members had a phone conference recently to discuss potential activities for the upcoming months. Nearly everyone who had expressed interest on the new member forms and past members were invited to be on the call. Five people participated on the call (all past members, none from the new membership forms), and another member remains involved, so the Committee currently has six dependable members.

During the Committee phone call, it was decided to research carrying out either a WINSLAMM workshop or a twilight seminar on upcoming changes to the NPDES stormwater regulations, which would take place in Nov 2010. Also, the group resolved to offer a SWMM hands-on pre-conference workshop the day before the 2011 annual conference, similar to last year. SWMM now has a dedicated LID/BMP module, and it is anticipated that there will be interest in another workshop. During the IAFSM conference in March, the Committee would like to provide a presentation on the latest changes to ordinance requirements that are underway in Cook, Lake, DuPage and other counties, with a focus on having county or agency representatives explain their expectations for future development submittals. Looking toward May 2011, the group intends to research and potentially offer a workshop on costs of LID/BMP stormwater management approaches versus traditional stormwater infrastructure. This is very much of interest in light of the recent Green Infrastructure for Clean Waterways report and the numerous comments questioning the assertions made on costs within the report. Lastly, the Committee plans to investigate opportunities to fund pilot projects that measure the effectiveness of best management practices in stormwater quality and management applications, for potential presentation to the IAFSM Board for funding.

4.8 MITIGATION COMMITTEE – Terry Reuss Fell, Chair

No report from Terry. Ron Davis reported that the July 2010 flooding is the second largest disaster in Illinois. The largest was the 1993 event. Ron stated that 15% of funds that IEMA receives from the disaster declaration are for buyouts and mitigation work. Counties and municipalities that have a mitigation plan in place will get a piece of the

available funds; for those without a plan, this money is not available. There is also a portion of the IEMA funds that can be used for education and outreach, and Ron proposed that perhaps IAFSM would be an excellent non-for-profit venue to carry this forward. To this end, ideas such as website enhancement and contribution to Kidzeum exhibits were discussed. Possible educational pages for the website include public information on flooded basements, urban hydrology and the NFIP. Also, development of educational apps and YouTube videos was suggested. Jeff Wickenkamp will start a topic list and draft some ideas for a potential request for proposals from web designers.

4.9 WETLANDS COMMITTEE – Tom Kehoe, Chair

No report.

4.10 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair

Elections are coming up and Paul is accepting nominations.

4.11 AWARDS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair

Paul Osman and Stu Richter are working on awards for the next annual conference.

4.12 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE– Kerry Behr, Chair

Kerry Behr stated she has been talking with IESMA about cross-training and suggested perhaps we provide training on the role of emergency managers in the incident command system or damage assessment at our conference. Matt Wahl suggested a presentation on the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

4.13 YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Andrew Braun, Chair

Andrew Braun stated that the three current university grants are at different stages, but they are essentially complete. Andrew presented a draft university grant program RFP for the Board to review. The timing of the next round of grant recipients was discussed, as there may not be enough time for them to create exhibits for the next conference. It was agreed that the students' attendance at the conference and having an exhibit booth to be available to discuss their topics of research would suffice.

4.14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Mike Cothard, Chair

Mike Cothard reminded all that the annual conference is booked for March 8-10, 2011 at the Bloomington-Normal Marriot. The Call for Speakers will be coming out shortly, along with request for company sponsorships. It was agreed to offer a session of five-minute talks in the Call for Speakers. Plenary speaker options were also discussed.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Donations Policy

Stu Richter drafted a Proposed IAFSM Donations Policy. Loren Wobig motioned to accept the Donations Policy as written, Erik Gil seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

5.2 Pilot State Flood Risk Management Symposium Application

Jeff Wickenkamp reported on an ASFPD-hosted conference call he participated in on this topic. Jeff reviewed the application process which involved a number of specific requirements by ASFPD in order to host a pilot symposium. As part of the discussion, it was decided that IAFSM would not submit an application because of the up front \$5,000 fee and the requirement that the symposium cannot occur directly before or after a state conference.

5.3 National Conference Hosting Opportunity

Jennifer Maercklein will mention this in the newsletter to see if there is generated interest.

5.4 Regional Conference 2012 Opportunity

Jeff Wickenkamp is discussing this with the Wisconsin Chapter. It would also include Minnesota and Iowa, and the location of the conference would possibly be in the Dubuque area. Jeff will continue to follow-up.

5.5 Kidzeum Contract

The Board signed the Kidzeum contract for the total of \$57,000 to be paid out over a term of five years. The money will go toward the dam and levee safety exhibits at Kidzeum. As reported earlier by Ron Davis under the Mitigation Committee report, it is possible that our money may be used as a local match for IEMA funds that are available for education outreach, turning our contribution into much more. Kidzeum's groundbreaking is scheduled for November.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Promotion/Website/Email of non-IAFSM Events

Jeff Wickenkamp stated that advertisement of external events shall be routed through the Inter-Organizational Committee Chair. These events shall be placed on the website with the disclaimer that IAFSM has not reviewed their content.

7.0 RATIFICATION

Jeff Wickenkamp 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. Lillian Prince 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 1:06 p.m.

The next IAFSM Board Meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. (to end at 2:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Lisle Police Department, 5040 Lincoln Avenue, Lisle, Illinois.

Respectively submitted,

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IAFSM Board Secretary