

Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting March 15, 2012

The March 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Rosemont, IL. Those attending the meeting included:

Mary Lou Kalsted	Jennifer Maercklein	Kerry Behr
Amanda Flegel	Loren Wobig	Bruce Matthews
Paul Osman	Mike Dever	Matt Wahl
Matt Moffitt	Jeff Wickenkamp	Wayne Wille
Shauna Urlacher	Rich Roths	Lillian Prince
Brian Eber	Steve Scheffel	Andrew Braun
Stu Richter	Tom Kehoe	Mike Cothard
Glenn Heistand	Kay Whitlock	Sarah Harbaugh
Erik Gil		

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 am by Mike Cothard.

1.1 INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS

1.2 CORRESPONDENCE

None

2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Andrew Braun moved to approve the January 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Lillian Prince seconded the motion, the motion carried.

3.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT – Lillian Prince

Lillian Prince reported that a final check for conference expenses will be cut when she receives the invoice. The investment certificate of deposit (CD) will be renewed again on April 30, 2012. The 2011 tax laws for non-profit organizations remained the same, making it unnecessary for IAFSM to switch to a different accountant to prepare the 2011 tax filing. A draft budget for 2012-2013 will be sent to the board soon for review and approval. The 2012-2013 budget is expected to have only slight changes compared to 2011-2012. If IAFSM is going to move ahead with the potential joint regional conference, the financial aspects should be discussed by the board and possibly added as a budget line item in the 2012-2013 budget. Loren Wobig reported that the Rock Island Corp of Engineers is interested in a regional conference. General discussion and questions about a regional conference followed from the membership in

attendance: Question: Will a regional conference replace the regular IAFSM annual conference? Answer: Yes, just for that year. Question: What value is there in having a regional conference? Answers: Collaboration with other groups is beneficial; New presentations will be available; Added interest to attract people who wouldn't attend the regular annual conference; Chance to learn what is happening in other states. Question: Would IAFSM lose money if we didn't have the regular annual conference? Answer: IAFSM does not make money on the regular annual conference, so income from the regular annual conference is not an issue in the decision. Lillian Prince moved to accept the treasurer report, Mike Cothard seconded the motion, the motion carried.

3.2 CHAIR'S REPORT – Mike Cothard

The 2013 IAFSM annual conference location is committed to the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel & Conference Center. Introduction of committee chairs to the membership in attendance.

3.3 SECRETARY'S REPORT – Glenn Heistand

None

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 CRS COMMITTEE - Mary Lou Kalsted

Mary Lou Kalsted reported that CRS Committee webinars with French Wetmore have been very successful and helpful for the Committee.

4.2 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE - Matt Wahl

Matt Wahl reported that 15 people took the CFM exam on Tuesday. The Certification Board of Regents (CBOR) is in process of changing and updating the CFM exam. The average number of failures for Illinois CFM exams is less than 10%.

4.3 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - Kay Whitlock

Kay Whitlock reported that the Legislation Committee has grown with three new people on the committee. The Committee continues to develop policy statements for IAFSM. Two legislative items are currently being monitored by the Committee. IAFSM members are encouraged to register to vote and to get to know their legislator(s). IAFSM members are encouraged to develop legislative relationships first, before asking for legislators to do something. Some legislative issues may not have a single position that all IAFSM members agree with. In those cases, members are still encouraged to talk to legislators and develop relationships, but IAFSM might not have an official position on the legislative issue.

Mike Cothard reported that Kay Whitlock gave a presentation yesterday at the first day of the IAFSM annual conference, related to legislative action. The plenary session on Wednesday went very well and was specifically about legislative issues. The Lt. Governor, Sheila Simon, had a conflict and couldn't attend the plenary, but she sent her Chief of Staff, DK Hirner, to deliver the presentation in her stead. Representative Mike Fortner also was a speaker in the plenary.

4.4 NEWSLETTER - Jennifer Maercklein

Jennifer Maercklein reported that the next newsletter will be going out in early April, with March 23 as the submittal deadline. The annual conference registration packets included a questionnaire about newsletter content and delivery. All members are encouraged to provide articles and information for future newsletters.

4.5 EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE - Amanda Flegel

Amanda Flegel reported that regular Floodplain 101 classes are soon to be scheduled. The committee would like to start hosting webinars.

4.6 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - Erik Gil

Erik Gil reported that a dam safety workshop is being organized. Final details are not yet available.

4.7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - Robert Murdock

Mike Cothard reported that Robert Murdock has decided to step down from chair of the stormwater committee. Erik Gil would like to switch from chair of the floodplain committee to chair of the stormwater committee. Shauna Urlacher would like to become floodplain committee chair. Mike Cothard nominated Erik Gil for stormwater committee chair, Glenn Heistand seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mike Cothard nominated Shauna Urlacher for floodplain committee chair, Mary Lou Kalsted seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

4.8 MITIGATION COMMITTEE – Molly O'Toole

None

4.9 WETLANDS COMMITTEE - Tom Kehoe

Tom Kehoe reported that the wetlands committee is still putting together a field trip, to be conducted in late June 2012. Experience and lessons learned from the IAFSM annual conference field trips this week are being taken into account. More IAFSM members are needed on the committee. Currently, the committee has three members. Ideas are needed for field trips at the 2013 IAFSM annual conference in Bloomington-Normal.

Loren Wobig reported that yesterday's field trips to O'Hare Airport and Des Plaines River went well and were very popular.

4.10 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - Paul Osman

Paul Osman reported that no new nominations were provided this year. This is not an election year. All current executive board members are planning to continue into the second year of their respective terms. Next year, the executive board members will need to be elected into new positions, with at least one new executive board member brought in, as Mike Cothard will rotate into the “immediate past chair” role, leaving a void in the “chair” position. Nominations are encouraged anytime.

4.11 AWARDS COMMITTEE - Paul Osman

None

4.12 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE - Kerry Behr

Kerry Behr reported that she will be attending the Building Inspector’s conference in May. Paul Osman reported that the IAFSM table at the Realtor’s conference last year was very well received by realtors and IAFSM should return this year.

4.13 YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Andrew Braun

Andrew Braun reported that requests for proposals have been sent out for several years to award funding for graduate and/or undergraduate projects. Scholarship or grant language in these RFP’s has created some problems because the university tries to take a big cut of the funding for administration and overhead expenses. The committee is working on new language in the RFP’s that would allow as much of the award as possible to be applied to the actual project.

Amanda Flegel reported that the water table model (aka floodplain model) at Naturally Illinois Expo at the University of Illinois was very well received again this year. Next year, it might be helpful to take both water tables to the Expo, because they are so popular with kids.

Loren Wobig reported that IAFSM needs to purchase carrying cases for both floodplain models because the original boxes are falling apart. Amanda Flegel reported that the downstate floodplain model needs recaulked/maintenance because it has developed leaks. Paul Osman reported that the tri-fold display graphics need updated.

4.14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Loren Wobig

Loren Wobig reported that the first day of the conference went well, and everything seems to be in order today for the last day.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 WEBSITE ENHANCEMENT RFQ UPDATE– Jeff Wickenkamp

Jeff Wickenkamp reported that he has been working directly with Molly O'Tool and Webitects to assemble the grant application. The committee is now waiting for the website grant to be approved. The committee consists of Glenn Heistand, Amanda Flegel, Jeff Wickenkamp, and Paul Osman. This group will work together as needed and then report back to the board. A contract agreement is being developed to assure that the consultants will get paid for their current and ongoing efforts if IAFSM wins the grant.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE UPDATE – Loren Wobig

None...see above.

6.2 IAFSM Website – Jobs Page

The following question was asked from the floor: Can the IAFSM website jobs page be changed to include both available positions and a listing of people who are looking for work? Answer: Mike Cothard will bring this issue up at the next board meeting.

6.3 ASFPM National Conference

Mike Cothard suggested a possible revision to the Bylaw, Article II, that the certification committee chair and executive board members be allowed funding to attend the ASFPM national conference each year. Currently, each of the five executive board members is allowed funding (up to \$1,500 each) to attend the ASFPM national conference, then committee chairs if there are remaining funds. The proposed change would allow the certification committee chair to receive funding to attend the ASFPM national conference each year, even if all five of the executive board members were also using their allotment. Kay Whitlock motioned to accept Mike Cothard's suggestion; the motion was seconded by Andrew Braun; the motion carried.

6.4 Lifetime Achievement Award

Mike Cothard motioned to allow IAFSM Lifetime achievement award recipients to receive free admission to all IAFSM conferences, in addition to free annual IAFSM membership. Andrew Braun seconded the motion; the motion carried.

6.5 Iowa Chapter of ASFPM

The State of Iowa now has its own chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (July 2011). Stu Richter suggested that IAFSM

invite the Iowa chapter to the November IAFSM board meeting to see how we plan our annual conference, then invite them to the 2013 annual conference to see how the IAFSM conference is operated. Mike Cothard motioned to allow two Iowa representatives to attend the November board meeting and the two-day annual conference at no charge. Registration fees would be waived, but no travel expenses would be reimbursed. The motion was seconded by Kay Whitlock, and the motion carried.

7.0 RATIFICATION MOTION

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. Glenn Heistand seconded the motion, the motion carried.

8.0 ADJOURN

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 9, 2012, 10:00 AM, at V3 Companies.

Respectively submitted,

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