

# Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting September 12, 2012

The September 2012 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held at the City of Ottawa Council Chambers in Ottawa, IL. Those attending the meeting included:

Loren Wobig  
Glenn Heistand  
Paul Osman  
Mike Sutfin

Lillian Prince  
Sarah Harbaugh  
Brian Eber

Mike Cothard  
Kerry Behr  
Amanda Flegel

## **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 am by Mike Cothard.

## **1.1 INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS**

## **1.2 CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

Mike Cothard moved to accept the 05/09/2012 and 07/11/2012 meeting minutes, Loren Wobig seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

## **3.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

### **3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT – Lillian Prince**

Treasurer Lillian Prince distributed the September treasurer's report to the board for review.

The board discussed identifying conference sponsors earlier for future conferences, to avoid carrying conference expenses that temporarily deplete other IAFSM account budgets.

Lillian Prince moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, Mike Cothard seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **3.2 CHAIR'S REPORT – Mike Cothard**

None

### **3.3 SECRETARY'S REPORT – Glenn Heistand**

None

## **4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **4.1 CRS COMMITTEE - Mary Lou Kalsted**

Brian Eber reported that the announced changes to the CRS program are starting to be implemented. Some of the changes will affect the number of credit points assigned for certain CRS activities, which could have the effect of negatively changing the existing ratings of some communities and increasing the efforts required to achieve a better rating.

Paul Osman suggested that IAFSM write a letter in opposition to some of the CRS changes.

### **4.2 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE - Matt Wahl**

None

### **4.3 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - Kay Whitlock**

None

### **4.4 NEWSLETTER - Jennifer Maercklein**

Jennifer Maercklein provided her report via email, as follows:

1. If a committee would like to contribute an article for the newsletter, please contact Maercklein. No feature article for Fall has been determined, but several ideas include the following:
  - a. CRS article / information online – a summary for the State of Illinois (CRS Committee)
  - b. List of legislative position statements (Legislative Committee)
  - c. Update on NPDES MS4 legislation (Certification Committee)
  - d. Status of MWRD/Cook County Ordinance (Stormwater Committee)
2. The following information will be included in the Fall newsletter:
  - a. Membership fee increase to \$25 beginning May 2013
  - b. Date/location of 2013 conference. No anticipated increase to registration cost this year.
  - c. Reminder about Call for Speakers
3. Deadline for Fall newsletter submittals is Friday September 21.

### **4.5 EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE - Amanda Flegel**

Amanda Flegel reported that Madison County hosted a floodplain seminar with about 40 participants and broke-even with costs. Flegel issued a press release to advertise the seminar. The next seminar might be held in late winter, but planning is still underway. An idea for a future workshop is

to reach out to the surveyor community by offering “Quick-2” software training for BFE calculations. Missouri has a similar workshop. Another idea is to include such a workshop at the conference and combine it with an elevation certificate workshop.

Paul Osman recommended another Twilight seminar, which are usually very well attended.

Flegel will put together another list of opportunities of upcoming events to post on the website.

#### **4.6 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - Shauna Urlacher**

Mike Cothard reported that Shauna Urlacher and Erik Gil have been discussing ideas for the committee break-out sessions at the conference, but are waiting to see what the submitted abstracts look like before making any final decisions. Loren Wobig reports that no abstracts have been delivered yet and recommends moving ahead with their own ideas.

#### **4.7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Erik Gil**

None

#### **4.8 MITIGATION COMMITTEE – Molly O’Toole**

Paul Osman reported that the 2008 Chicago flooding event is finally getting approved for mitigation. The state still has money for mitigation that needs to be put to use. Usually the state money is used as a 25% match for FEMA money, but it can be used for 100% funding in certain circumstances beyond the FEMA program.

#### **4.9 WETLANDS COMMITTEE - Tom Kehoe**

Loren Wobig reported that Tom Kehoe is pursuing a stand-alone tour in October.

#### **4.10 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - Paul Osman**

None

#### **4.11 AWARDS COMMITTEE - Paul Osman**

None

#### **4.12 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE - Kerry Behr**

Kerry Behr reported that Paul Osman and Brian Eber attended a building official’s conference in July, with about 80 people in attendance. They will return at a future time to the building official’s group to give a 1 hour presentation. The next realtor’s conference will also be attended by Paul Osman and Brian Eber.

Kerry Behr would like to invite IASMA to present at the next annual conference. She is searching for a new contact for the organization since the last contact is no longer involved.

Kerry Behr suggested that IAFSM should have advertisement items to distribute in the booth at the next realtor's conference, such as pens or pads of paper, and maybe a doorprize. Paul Osman suggested obtaining conference swag from FloodSmart. He will investigate with FloodSmart. Amanda Flegel reported that she is coordinating a banner, "Are you in a floodplain?", that can be displayed at the realtor conference. Mike Cothard suggested that a budget item for conference swag and advertising expenses should be included in the next annual budget. A suggestion was made to move money from the un-awarded scholarship fund to cover these expenses this year. The board agreed with the suggestion. Lillian Prince will add a \$500 line item for advertising in the draft budget for next year.

#### **4.13 YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Andrew Braun**

None

#### **4.14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Loren Wobig**

Loren Wobig reported that Kidzeum is purchasing a building site in Springfield. The Board has been waiting to learn when Kidzeum will open, in order to schedule a downstate annual conference that attendees can combine with a visit or tour of Kidzeum, to see the results of our contributions. The 2017 annual conference will likely be scheduled in Springfield.

The water table cases have been delivered, and they are very nice. They are wheeled and can be maneuvered by one person.

Matt Moffit is taking the lead with planning a field trip or tour for the conference. He is coordinating with Bloomington officials to determine good local opportunities. Matt Wahl and Andrew Braun are checking into field trip and tour options in the Peoria area. Matt Moffit is also checking about a Boneyard Creek tour in Urbana.

Contracts with Bloomington-Normal Marriott for 2013 and 2015 are approved and signed. Possible 2014 conference locations are being investigated by Lillian Prince, including the Holiday Inn in Tinley Park, the Westin in Lombard, and the Intercontinental Chicago-O'Hare.

Wobig reported that the Call for Speakers was released, but no responses have been returned yet. The individual committees need to begin planning their sessions for the conference. Plenary ideas are still being assembled; climate change is still a popular topic. Potential plenary

speakers could include Donald J. Wuebbles (Harry E. Preble Professor of Atmospheric Science at the University of Illinois) and Nicholas Pinter (Professor, Dept. of Geology and Environmental Resources & Policy Program at Southern Illinois University). ASFPM is assembling a speaker's list that might be helpful to identify other plenary candidates.

Ed Begley, Jr. (actor and environmentalist) was suggested as a plenary speaker. He gave a presentation in Rockford about environmental issues, and was very entertaining.

Plenary sessions are likely to be reduced to 1-hour lengths with single speakers this year, in response to feedback from conference attendees.

A plenary session dealing with the insurance-side of flooding was suggested. State Farm Insurance is the largest write-your-own policy insurance company, but they recently exited the FEMA program because the FEMA bureaucracy was too much to deal with. Someone from State Farm might be a good speaker to invite.

## **5.0 OLD BUSINESS**

### **5.1 None**

## **6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 None**

## **7.0 RATIFICATION MOTION**

Loren Wobig 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, the motion carried unanimously.

## **8.0 ADJOURN**

Time: 11:39 p.m.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 9:00 AM, at City of Ottawa, Council Chambers, 301 West Madison Street, Ottawa, IL 61350

Respectively submitted,

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IAFSM Board Secretary