

# Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting November 14, 2012

The November 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:

Amanda Flegel	Mike Cothard	Lillian Prince
Shauna Urlacher	Sarah Harbaugh	Matt Wahl
Andrew Braun	Molly O'Toole	Paul Osman
Loren Wobig	Tom Kehoe	Erik Gil
Kerry Behr	Mike Sutfin	Glenn Heistand

## **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 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 09/12/2012 meeting minutes, as presented; Shauna Urlacher seconded the motion; the motion carried.

## **3.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

Lillian Prince distributed the Net Worth report (as of 11/13/12) and the Treasurer's report (9/13/2012 through 11/14/12) to the Board. The largest expenditure for this period was \$11,400 for the Kidzeum pledge. The 2013-2014 draft budget was also distributed to the Board. Prince reported that it may be necessary to cash-in one of the Certificates of Deposit in the next year to avoid a cash shortage. IAFSM needs to increase income or decrease spending, or accounts will be empty in 2 years with the current projection. IAFSM currently spends about \$180,000 per year, with revenue of approximately \$120,000 per year, resulting in a shortage of approximately \$60,000 per year. A significant reason for the budget deficit is that conference costs have doubled in the last few years, but the conference registration fees haven't matched those increases. Member's conference fees have essentially been subsidized by the formerly large coffers of IAFSM, but that needs to be reevaluated, in light of the current financial situation. IAFSM investment money is providing negligible income because interest rates are very low. Prince requests that

comments on the 2013-2014 draft budget are needed by the next Board meeting.

Lillian Prince motioned to accept the treasurer report; Molly O'Toole seconded the motion; the motion carried.

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

Mike Cothard reports that ASFPM is looking for more income and funding sources to meet budgetary demands. One idea is to use a tiered billing system, based on specific ASFPM services being used by the state chapters and members. Some state chapters are running budget deficits and need more revenue. Certain state associations could stand on their own without ASFPM. Illinois is one of six (6) self-running CFM state chapters that don't rely on ASFPM to administer the CFM program.

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

Glenn Heistand reported that he attended the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies (NAFSMA) workshop on November 9 in Chicago, titled "Agency to Agency Flood Risk Management Mentoring Session". This workshop was in cooperation with IAFSM and FEMA, but not sponsored by IAFSM or FEMA. Heistand was invited to offer welcoming comments to attendees on behalf of IAFSM, which he did. As part of Heistand's address, he summarized the works and mission of IAFSM, with editorial and/or research assistance provided by the Board prior to the event. Approximately 40 people attended the workshop.

## **4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Mike Cothard reports that the committee is hoping to have one or two presentations at the annual conference.

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

Matt Wahl summarized the minutes from the last CBOR meeting with accredited states. French Wetmore was contracted by ASFPM to rewrite the ASFPM code of ethics. IAFSM, as a state chapter of ASFPM, would need to accept any changes made to the code of ethics. The next CBOR meeting is scheduled for June, during the ASFPM annual conference in Hartford, CT. The driving force behind the code of ethics changes is related to establishing CFM certifications and seals, which doesn't appear to be moving ahead now based on numerous objections that were presented after Wetmore was already hired to rewrite the code of ethics.

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

None

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

Jennifer Maercklein submitted her newsletter report via email, which was read to the Board by Glenn Heistand, as follows:

“Fall newsletter was sent in early October. Thanks to all for your contributions.

Winter newsletter will go out in early January. Winter articles/blurbs are due in one month on Friday Dec 14. I will include a lead article on Governor Quinn’s Dam Removal program (as emailed by Loren Wobig in October). I may also include a re-print of an ASFPM article (written before Superstorm Sandy) that highlighted the need to rate hurricanes by storm surge and rainfall potential, and not just wind speed. It’s not really relevant to IL but is interesting and members indicated that they liked hearing about national news/flooding issues. If anyone has other articles to add, please send by Friday Dec 14.”

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

Amanda Flegel reported that a Floodplain 101 workshop will be announced in the next newsletter. The committee is considering a twilight session this winter, but no topics have been decided on yet. One idea for a twilight session is a workshop about unnumbered A zones. The Illinois County Zoning Administrators group verbalized to Paul Osman that they would be interested in such a workshop. Flegel reports that she is also looking into a pre-conference workshop covering unnumbered A zones. Another idea is to pair a USGS Streamstats presentation with the unnumbered A zones workshop, which would work best as a pre-conference workshop instead of a twilight session.

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

Shauna Urlacher reported that her committee is working on conference planning and the pre-conference workshop. The committee is interested in planning a winter or early spring seminar in the Chicago area, since the annual conference is downstate this year, but nothing has been finalized.

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

Erik Gil reports that his committee is focusing on conference planning.

Gil reports that the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) and the Illinois EPA jointly formed a Post Development Stormwater Runoff Standards (PDSWRS) Work Group to develop recommendation(s) for stormwater runoff performance standards in post development landscapes in Illinois. From their website: “The recommendation(s) shall, as nearly as may be feasible, be developed in a

format that will facilitate inclusion into the Illinois Urban Manual if determined to be desirable to do so by the AISWCD and the Illinois EPA.” Public comment meetings were held on October 18 and 23, 2012. From their website: “The purpose of these public meetings is to provide an opportunity for the public to understand and provide comments on recommendations for post development stormwater runoff performance standards to the Illinois EPA which will improve water quality in waters of the state of Illinois.” Gil recommends that IAFSM compose a response to the recommendations. Mike Cothard reports that he has already begun to draft a response letter on behalf of IAFSM. Of highest concern are the 5,000 square feet disturbance threshold and the 1.35” runoff capture recommendations. If Cothard moves ahead with the response letter, he would need Board review and comments of the letter by Monday so it can be sent out by the November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mike Cothard motioned to send a comment letter to the PDSWRS workgroup. Glenn Heistand seconded the motion; motion carried.

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

Molly O’Toole reported that her committee is ramping up again, but is still waiting for mitigation grants to be awarded and mitigation projects to get built, which will free up time and resources for IEMA to consider funding the Website Enhancement project. The committee cannot make much progress on that project until then. The committee is considering a FEMA workshop on benefit cost analysis.

Paul Osman recommended that the committee draft a letter to FEMA recommending that Illinois have more control over mitigation projects, because the current process takes too long and is inefficient.

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

Tom Kehoe reported that last month was the committee’s first field trip, with about 25 attendees. The event lasted all day and was equal parts seminar and field trip. The seminar portion covered the basics of wetlands, and then moved out to the field. Attendees provided positive feedback of the event. The committee would like to host another field trip next year, possibly in early October. Loren Wobig recommended hosting a downstate tour next year too.

Not many abstracts were submitted for the wetland topic, and the committee is still discussing possible conference sessions.

The Wetlands 101 workshop will be offered at the annual conference.

Mike Cothard reported that Illinois has the distinction of being the only state chapter with a wetland committee.

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

Paul Osman reports that he needs nominations for Board positions, especially the Secretary position, which will be vacated by Glenn Heistand at the next election. Current Board members have verbally acknowledged that they intend to move up to the next respective Board position, if they are unopposed in the election at annual conference.

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

Paul Osman reports that he is looking for award ideas and would welcome any suggestions.

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

Kerry Behr reported that she attended the Illinois Association of Realtors (IAR) Fall Conference and Expo (Oct 2-4) and is working on becoming a presenter for next year's realtor conference. Amanda Flegel coordinated a new IAFSM banner that was used at the IAFSM booth during the conference. The banner reads "Are You In a Floodplain?" New advertising pens with IAFSM information were also distributed at the conference.

Kerry Behr and Brian Eber attended the Suburban Building Officials Conference (SBOC) luncheon.

No scholarship was given this year. Recommendations for groups to contact to advertise the \$1,000 conference scholarship are welcome.

Paul Osman was the opening keynote speaker at the Upper Mississippi River Conference on September 26-28, 2012, in Moline, IL. He recommended coordinating with the Upper Mississippi River Conference next year to promote our respective conferences.

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

Andrew Braun reports that judges and volunteers are needed for the Future City Competition. The IAFSM newsletter will not be published in time to advertise for this competition, so Sarah Harbaugh will email the membership with details, which Braun will supply to her.

Internship program ideas are still being worked on. More details will be presented at the next Board meeting.

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

Loren Wobig reports that the Conference registration fee will be increasing from \$300 to \$330, and the exhibitor fee will be \$500. The four IAFSM life members will still have their registration fees waived. Registration fees last year did not cover the conference expenses, but sponsorship fees kept the conference from losing money. The membership fee waiver for

unemployed or retired members will be discontinued next year. An announcement will be made in the next newsletter about registration fee increases. The IAFSM membership fee was recently increased from \$20 to \$25 per year. Additional membership fee increases are expected to be necessary in the future.

Kidzeum is purchasing a building near the Lincoln museum in downtown Springfield (newspaper story this week). A summer 2014 opening is anticipated.

Wobig recommended a plenary session at the annual conference to highlight and discuss the AISWCD/Illinois EPA Post Development Stormwater Runoff Standards (PDSWRS) Work Group recommendations. Kelly Thompson with AISWCD will be contacted about being a plenary presenter. Hal Sprague, with Center for Neighborhood Technology, (or other workgroup member) might also be involved with a plenary, based on his involvement in the workgroup and at previous public meetings on the topic. Glenn Heistand suggested that a break-out session after the plenary might be helpful for attendees who want to discuss more details of the recommendations.

## **5.0 OLD BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Website Enhancement RFQ Update**

Jeff Wickenkamp (via phone) reports that there is no update on the project funding. Molly O'Toole followed-up a few weeks ago about funding, but was unable to get any answers. The website enhancement project is still a viable project, but is determinate on IEMA and FEMA funding. Loren Wobig reports that non-physical state mitigation projects have been set aside until the direct home buyouts are handled. Original estimates for receiving mitigation funding were one year. Mitigation funds were requested about seven months ago, so we are still within the anticipated timing window.

## **6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **6.1 2013 Annual Conference Abstract Review**

Loren Wobig reports that the plenary session durations have been reduced by a half-hour, in response to comments from previous conferences.

Kelly Thompson and Hal Sprague will be contacted about presenting a plenary session for Post Development Stormwater Runoff Standards (PDSWRS) Work Group recommendations.

Katharine Hayhoe is not available for this year's conference, but would be interested in being a presenter for the 2014 conference. She recommended Nicholas Pinter (Professor, Dept. of Geology and Environmental Resources & Policy Program, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale) and Joyce Coffee (Vice President - Group Head, Business + Social Purpose at Edelman, Chicago) as alternate presenters. The Board would like to invite Hayhoe to present at the 2014 conference.

State Farm Insurance does not want to present about flood insurance, but is willing to present about disaster response. State Farm is the largest homeowner insurance provider in the world. The Board would like a plenary session with the State Farm disaster response presentation paired with a "Super Storm Sandy" presentation.

Another plenary option might be a presentation about State of Illinois public water law (presented by a DNR lawyer) and/or how case law affects public water law (Mike Moffit).

## **6.2 Report of the selected locations for the upcoming Annual Conferences**

Lillian Prince reported that the Intercontinental Hotel in Rosemont has been booked for 2014, and the Marriot Hotel for 2015 in Normal.

## **7.0 RATIFICATION MOTION**

Kerry Behr 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. Andrew Braun seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

## **8.0 ADJOURN**

Time: 1:51 p.m.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 9, 2013, 10:00 AM, at City of Lisle, Police Dept. Training Room, 5040 Lincoln Avenue (Rt. 53), Lisle, IL 60532

Respectively submitted,

Glenn N Heistand, P.E., CFM  
IAFSM Board Secretary