

Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting January 9, 2013

The January 2013 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held at the Lisle Police Department Training Room in Lisle, IL. Those attending the meeting included:

Mike Cothard	Lillian Prince	Shauna Urlacher
Sarah Harbaugh	Matt Wahl	Andrew Braun
Loren Wobig	Tom Kehoe	Erik Gil
Kerry Behr	Jennifer Maercklein	Glenn Heistand
Mary Lou Kalsted	Brian Eber	Jeff Wickenkamp

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:56 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 11/14/2012 meeting minutes, as presented; Andrew Braun seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT – Lillian Prince

Lillian Prince distributed the Net Worth report and draft 2013-2014 budget to the Board. Under the draft budget, IAFSM will need to cash-out one of the investment CD's to avoid a deficit. A revised budget will be distributed to the Board prior to the March board meeting (it will be the final version), for approval at the March meeting. The largest expense since the last Board meeting was a deposit for the Intercontinental Hotel, to hold that location for the 2014 conference.

Lillian Prince motioned to accept the treasurer report; Loren Wobig seconded the motion; the motion carried.

3.2 CHAIR'S REPORT – Mike Cothard

Mike Cothard attended the last ASFPM All-Chapter conference call. ASFPM is encouraging the Pennsylvania Association of Floodplain Managers to become an ASFPM state chapter. Some state chapters still have budget problems. ASFPM is still having budget challenges of their

own and hasn't determined if or how they will assist the struggling chapters.

3.3 SECRETARY'S REPORT – Glenn Heistand

No Report

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 CRS COMMITTEE - Mary Lou Kalsted

Mary Lou Kalsted reported that the committee has not been very active recently, but have been communicating. For the annual conference the committee is working on a session that is aimed at communities who already participate in CRS, to inform them of the significant program changes that start this year. Scott Cofoid is preparing a presentation on the changes.

Brian Eber reported that Kane County (unincorporated) and Du Page County (unincorporated) are interested in joining CRS, plus a number of smaller communities.

4.2 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE - Matt Wahl

Matt Wahl reported that the next CFM exam will be offered March 5th at 6:00 p.m. in room Redbird E. The revised exam will be given for the first time at this offering. Wahl has looked over the revised test and is satisfied with it. The revised test still has a lot of the old questions.

CBOR code of ethics revisions that French Wetmore is working on might be ready for Wahl review and provide a summary report at the July IAFSM board meeting.

4.3 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - Kay Whitlock

Mike Cothard reported that because of the November general elections, legislative committees are in flux and the IAFSM committee is not actively working on anything right now.

4.4 NEWSLETTER - Jennifer Maercklein

Jennifer Maercklein reported that the website report (as of today) shows that the fall newsletter was downloaded 331 times; the winter newsletter was downloaded 320 times. The next newsletter will focus on award winners from the annual conference. The next newsletter deadline is March 22, 2013.

4.5 EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE - Amanda Flegel

Amanda Flegel reported via email, as follows:

Pre-conference Workshop:

Pre-conference seminars are down to just 2 topics: FP101 and Quick 2. The Quick2 seminar is a good possibility, but not confirmed. (Despite many conversations and attempts to confirm, Scott Samuel, who teaches the course in Missouri hasn't committed to the conference date.) The FP202 topics and the HEC-geoRAS discussion have been moved into the conference itself. Dam safety did not materialize. MWRD permitting and the Lake Michigan study were discussed as better for dinner talks in Chicagoland.

Efforts to keep pushing for additional topics will be directly related to how much we have invested in the pre-conference room reservations. Please do not hold the conference announcement for the pre-conference announcement.

Other items:

- I have lots of opportunities and ideas for spring/summer workshops with topics that didn't work out for the conference.
- I'm working on the possibility of a Peoria hosted FP101 with Andrew.
- I coordinated with Lillian about the budget. I suggested we consider revising Education committee budget to reduce pre-conference workshops since the push is to move detailed topics into the conference. This may be related to what our contract for 2014 has outlined for the pre-conference day.
- Last year, we discussed reducing or eliminating the scholarship for floodplain managers to attend ASFPM, though there is still \$6,000 in the budget. Do we need further discussion? If we keep the scholarship, the announcement will be edited to specify that only one person per community will be considered. I'll have the announcement ready for the conference.

In response to Amanda's budget suggestion, Mike Cothard recommends leaving \$6,000 in the Education Committee budget and the Board can evaluate it the next time that budgets are addressed.

Mike Cothard suggested making field trips a pre-conference option for next year.

4.6 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - Shauna Urlacher

Shauna Urlacher reported that the HEC-geoRAS workshop has been moved from the pre-conference to during the conference. The HEC-geoRAS workshop will be highlighted in the conference materials because it is a little different than the normal conference sessions. Loren Wobig asked about sign-ups for the workshop because of limited space. The Board decided that pre-registration would not be necessary, and if too many people show up, the session could move to the theatre.

Glenn Heistand reported that a possible stand-alone full-training for HEC-geoRAS, presented by the Illinois State Water Survey, might be an option for a later date, to be held at the University of Illinois.

4.7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Erik Gil

Erik Gil reported that the committee is still working on a dam safety session, but it can't be squeezed into the annual conference. Paul Mauer will be presenting a similar session to ACEC, so it appears that a similar presentation wouldn't be difficult to recycle for an IAFSM event.

4.8 MITIGATION COMMITTEE – Molly O'Toole

No report.

4.9 WETLANDS COMMITTEE - Tom Kehoe

Tom Kehoe reported that the "Wetlands 101" program is coming together, but is difficult to fit all information into the available amount of time. Another person is interested in joining the committee. Another field trip is being considered (after the growing season), probably in the fall (late or early August).

Brian Eber mentioned that the U.S. Dept. of Energy's Fermilab project might be a good field tour in the future.

4.10 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE - Paul Osman

Loren Wobig reported for Paul Osman that nominations for the new IAFSM Board members are needed, especially for the secretary position which will be vacated (currently without a successor) by Glenn Heistand when his term expires in March.

4.11 AWARDS COMMITTEE - Paul Osman

No report.

4.12 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE - Kerry Behr

Kerry Behr reported that the new IAFSM ink pens were received. Behr followed up communications with IASMA and found out more about the NAFSMA program. Behr is still waiting to be accepted as a presenter at the next Realtor Conference. The IAFSM conference scholarship has not been awarded, and any possible candidates should be submitted for consideration.

Brian Eber reported that he has been involved in community outreach for code officials and inspectors. This group might be good candidates to offer scholarships because they are the eyes and ears that notice violations.

4.13 YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Andrew Braun

Andrew Braun reported that he distributed the latest university research fellowship details to the Board via email. The wording of the fellowship has been updated so that the bulk of the money will go to the student, instead of the university.

Loren Wobig commented that the annual conference will be near Illinois State University, so it may be a good opportunity to outreach to them with the fellowship details. Also, advertising the conference scholarship would promote students to attend. Students wouldn't need to stay for the full day or the full conference, so it may be more accommodating for student schedules and attract more students.

Jeff Wickenkamp suggested that Barbara Minsker and Art Schmidt at the University of Illinois might be good contacts for communicating with graduate students, and they have had involvement and interest in IAFSM in the past.

Students should contact Andrew Braun directly and he will coordinate with students who want to attend the conference.

4.14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Loren Wobig

Loren Wobig reported that the conference announcement is ready and will be sent out to members early next week. Currently, there are already 22 individuals registered for conference, \$9,100 in sponsorships, and six exhibitors. Plenary speakers have been arranged. The first-day plenary speakers will be a representative of the State Farm disaster response team and someone from the Swiss RE company. Coordination is still underway with the head of the flooding division of Swiss RE (re-insurance company) to be a plenary speaker. The second-day plenary speakers will be Kelly Thompson with AISWCD to present proposed new IEPA post construction regulations (followed by an interactive breakout session to discuss more details with interested individuals), and an IDNR attorney will give a plenary talk about public water law in Illinois.

Audio video proposals have been received and they are cheaper than the hotel's cost, but the hotel decided to match the other proposal price, so we will stick with the hotel AV package.

Three more moderators are needed.

Three different bus companies have provided quotes for the field tours. Bus capacities are 55 passengers.

Matt Moffit will lead the Boneyard field trip in Champaign. The East Peoria Caterpillar site levee tour is being coordinated by Andrew Braun. The City

of Peoria has five or six project sites to consider visiting, including buyout projects in Chillicothe.

The Normal Theatre is reserved for IAFSM. A movie needs to be selected, or multiple shorter movies/documentaries. Lillian Prince will send the Board the movie list that was used to select the movie in 2011, and organize a vote.

Locations for future conferences have been determined as follows: 2014 Intercontinental Hotel, 2015 Bloomington-Normal, 2016, upstate, 2017 Springfield (Kidzeum should be open).

Conference folders will be assembled on Tuesday evening by available Board members.

Door prizes have been budgeted for \$750.

The hotel room block has 150 rooms.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Website Enhancement RFQ Update

Jeff Wickenkamp spoke with Ron Davis, State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO), earlier this week about the status of mitigation grant reviews and awards. Mr. Davis reported that IEMA has been very busy, but expects to start reviewing the IAFSM application by this spring.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 2013 Annual Conference Update

See Section 4.14 Annual Conference Committee.

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. Mary Lou Kalsted seconded the motion; the motion carried unanimously.

8.0 ADJOURN

Time: 11:42 p.m.

Next Meeting is Thursday, March 7, 2013, 7:30 AM, at the annual conference, which will be at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Hotel and Conference Center, Normal, IL. The room for the meeting is intended to be Room Redbird G (next to the registration desk).

Respectively submitted,

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