

## **Minutes AWRA FL January 12, 2017 Board meeting**

Mark Diblin kicked off the meeting. Attendance list is provided at the end of this document.

Introductions were made.

Discussion regarding shirts will be added to the agenda

Minutes were approved.

Education committee – applications have been submitted, they will be distributed

Newsletter still alive

Membership: Jeremy stated that for 2017, we currently have 132 paid members, 5 fellows,

**Website update:** Jeremy is working on getting the front page to show photos, Mark Diblin will send photos to Jeremy, and Board members were encouraged to send any good photos of activities during meetings to Jeremy.

**PDH credits:** the sheet was sent and people need to sign up at the registration table. Ron has added the names of engineer who said that they want P.E. credits when they signed up. 6 PDH credits will be provided. Someone will announce tomorrow that interested engineers should sign the form indicating that they want credits.

Meeting tomorrow: Mark will say welcome and sign up for PDH credits

**National news:** Don Dukes reported that no FL member is on the board now. The next annual meeting for National AWRA is in Portland, OR.

**Future meetings:** 130 have signed up so far for Fort Myers. We have good sponsors; the total sponsor income is about \$4800. Poster conference: 23 posters (9 FGCU). Don Duke said that we only have students from two universities and one high school. He would like more participation. Don suggested that Board members mentor students during lunch. March in Gainesville is being organized by Jennifer Sagan and Mark Diblin. They are looking for presenters. Ann Shortell may be a Keynote speaker. There will be a walking tour of Depot Park downtown, and we have made arrangements for rooms at the downtown Hampton. The May 5 is being organized by Randy Smith, Roger Copp, and Allison Lewis. They are still looking for venues. Holly Greening is helping and we have 3 sponsors so far. Randy asked for some guidance on how much to spend, and it was mentioned that the budget was \$8,900 for Fort Myers, and \$6,400 for Safety Harbor. The Tampa lunch will be dedicated to Buddy Blaine. A full day meeting is planned. Bruce Hasbrook of FAEP as a co-sponsor? August 10-11, 2017 will be in Key Largo at the same place. September will be in Palm Beach, and November will be in central Florida (Ray Scott and Balmoral are organizing this). The location that is being considered is Hontoun Island near Weikiva. The National meeting is Nov 5-9, so the November FL AWRA meeting probably should not be scheduled during that time period.

**Unfinished business:** We have \$11K in a CD. A finance sub-committee (Walt Reigner, Shayne Wood, Garrett Wallace, Roger Copp, and Rick Creech) has been considering options. The options are: high yield savings, co-mingling with Sandy Young account, or to put the \$\$ in a higher yield account that is still somewhat liquid. This last option is preferred by the subcommittee. Walt will confirm with Isaac that

he is OK with doing it. Walt said that the committee wondered if the money needs to be immediately liquid. The Board suggested that maybe a couple of month's liquidity should be adequate. The committee recommendation should be provided prior to the next meeting.

**Annual Sponsorship Subcommittee:** no action was taken. The idea is a flat rate for the year so that donors are not writing checks all the time. Committee will report back next meeting. Sponsor the cooler of cheer? For some companies, it is easier to cut a number of smaller checks that do not need approval from higher-level employees. The benefit of an annual sponsor is that an annual sponsor may be able to get more publicity by being mentioned on the web site, in newsletters, etc.

**New Business:** We need to clean up administrators for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. Currently, Tara Bardi is the only one that can add administrators. Mark Diblin will talk to her tomorrow. Roger will check with Mark on the status of cleaning up administrators for Facebook.

**Shirts:** During an earlier meeting, we said we would get shirts, and we never did it. The thought is to buy a bunch of shirts and sell them. Roger will talk to Dave Watt and figure it out. The shirt color that was suggested was lighter blue water color. Polo or button-down? Maybe add it to the meeting sign-up.

**Finances:** In 2016, AWRA FL spent \$59,380, and income was \$57,530. Money spent on scholarship was \$25,337. The budget for 2016 was \$51K. The budget this year is \$56K. Money in hand: \$65K in Sandy Young, \$24K in checking, and \$11K in the CD. The treasurer report was approved.

**Board comments:** Ray Scott mentioned that FDACS had to pay a fine because a number of agency staff could not provide certain public records, including FL AWRA records. Ray now has increased documentation requirements. Jeremy and Roger are working on an annual report. Mark Diblin said that we have a strategic plan. We have been growing the last 4 years.

Adjourned.



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**January 12, 2017**  
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