

## **November 17, 2017 AWRA Florida Section Board Meeting Final Minutes**

**Minutes.** The minutes for the September meeting with edits from Kristin were OK to all, and the minutes were approved.

**National news:** Jeremy and Ray Scott attended the Portland meeting. Four students from Florida attended and 4 students received complimentary student registration (\$250 value). The Board voted to reimburse up to \$2,500 of trip expenses for the students who attended since registration was paid by the National AWRA organization. Since the AWRA Florida budget included \$5,000 to support students attending conferences, this expenditure is within the planned budget. The next national conference will be in Baltimore, MD. Sandra Fox is organizing the AWRA National GIS conference in Orlando.

**Treasurer:** Sandy Young (Allen & Co.) – greater than \$70,000, the BOA (CD) \$11K was transferred to the Allan and Company account and is making money, BOA Checking - \$36. All meetings have been financially successful. **Action item: Walt and Kellie need to draft a budget for 2018**

**Education:** Kristin presented a modified student travel policy and it was discussed by the board. Discussion points:

- Don Duke sent comments.
- The full-time status has been removed, but recipients must be student members of FL AWRA
- We will merge student chapter support with student travel in the budget, and the Board will approve how to spend the money, based on the Education Committee's recommendation.
- Student chapters need to submit a budget for how the money will be spent

The policy is being revised based on comments from Board members. **Action item: the revised policy will be presented at the February Board meeting.**

The Board is sponsoring the 2018 University of Florida Water Institute Symposium being held Feb. 6-7, 2018. Mark Diblin is attending on behalf of the Board.

AWRA also sponsors a student research poster contest each year at our February meeting that will be held on Feb 2, 2018 in Fort Myers. This Third Annual AWRA Statewide Student Research Poster Contest is funded by proceedings from the 27th Annual Southwest Florida Water Resources Contest, and therefore receives direct financial support from us. We do the judging and make the awards. This year we have 26 entrants from four schools, and plan to award \$1800 in prizes to first-, second-, and third-place finishers in each of two categories: graduate students and undergraduate/secondary students.

**Web Site:** Jeremy is getting assistance from committee members for uploading of information and keeping track of the gmail account. **Action items: Christine Senne will get trained on adding Education Committee content, and Roger Copp is maintaining the gmail account.**

**Membership:** We have 352 members as of this point. The Board discussed the possibility of arranging regional mixers where the Board could provide funds for appetizers. **Action item: Board members and FL Section members are encouraged to coordinate with the Board to set one up.**

**PDH Credits:** PDH credits are available for the meeting. The form will be available at the registration table.

**Future Meetings:**

1. February 2, 2018 – Fort Myers – Kellie Clark and Karen Miller
  - a. The meeting will be at Pelican Preserve on Friday Feb 2.
2. March – Palatka – Mark Diblin/David Watt
3. May – St. Petersburg/Dunedin/Bowling Green?? – Roger Copp, Walt Reigner, Randy Smith and Allison Lewis
4. August – Key Largo – Luna Phillips
  - a. Targeting August 2-3.
  - b. The Monroe County building is secured.
5. September – Lake Okeechobee area – Sam Palermo
6. November – Tallahassee/Live Oak/Wakulla Springs State Park?? – Christine Senne is looking into the Florida State College of Law as a location for this meeting

**Unfinished Business:** In addition, the board elected the following officers for 2018:

- Jeremy McBryan – President
- Walt Reigner – Vice President
- Roger Copp – Secretary
- Kellie Clark – Treasurer

**New Business:** The Board approved expenses of Jeremy McBryan to attend the National Conference. Walt Reigner and Kellie Clark are preparing the 2018 budget. Signature authority will be the current and past treasurers. The President had signature authority in 2017.

**Board Member Responsibilities:** Randy Smith is preparing a Meeting Planning Manual.

**Board of Directors Comments:** Sandra Fox mentioned that there is as AWRA National Specialty GIS conference in Orlando, and is looking for support.

**Members and/or Guest Comments:** There were no guest comments.



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET**  
**November 17, 2017**  
**Stetson University, Deland, Florida**

Last Name	First Name	Signature
Bennett	Kristin	<i>Kristin Bennett</i>
Chatham	Alex	
Clark	Kellie	<i>via Skype</i>
Copp	Roger	<i>Roger Copp</i>
Creech	Richard	
Diblin	Mark	<i>Mark Diblin</i>
Duke	Don	
Howalt	Gary	<i>Gary Howalt</i>
Jones	Gregg	
Katsikis	Catherine	
Lewis	Allison	
McBryan	Jeremy	<i>J. McBryan</i>
Palermo	Sam	<i>Sam Palermo</i>
Phillips	Luna	
Reigner	Walt	<i>Walt Reigner</i>
Scott	Ray	<i>Ray Scott</i>
Smith	Randy	<i>Randy Smith</i>
Wallace	Garrett	
Wood	Shayne	

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**Guests**

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