

November 30, 2018 AWRA Florida Section Board Meeting Minutes, Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence, Tallahassee, FL

Attendance: see Nov 30 sign-in sheet on last page.

Minutes. The minutes for the Sept 2018 meeting were approved.

National news: Walt attended the National Meeting. 380 attended. Florida was honorable mention for best state organization. Boo Hiss. We will review our finances at the January 2019 meeting and decide whether or not to donate \$500 to AWRA National's Richard Herbert National Scholarship. Three FL students attended. The next AWRA Annual Conference is November 2019 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Treasurer: finances are solid. Excess food from the Okeechobee meeting was donated to a local food bank. All agreed that was excellent.

Education: Travel to the National conference was \$399. \$800 was left over. The committee will decide on what to do with the left-over money. Most likely it will go to the endowment. Amelia will be the main point of contact on student travel taking over for Kristin Bennett.

It was discussed on how to increase applicants and whether or not to increase how much we give out. We will add two the Storch awards at \$1500 each, so we will add \$3000 to the budget to account for this. Young Award budgeted amount will increase from \$2000 to \$3000. We will also add \$\$ when possible to the Young Investment fund, and Rosanne Clemente offered at \$500 check for that purpose.

Web Site: Matt should change the point of contact from Kristin Bennett to Amelia Fontaine.

Membership: We have 331 members as of this point. We had a Networking event in Tampa that was organized by Allison Lewis. There was good attendance, and great food. We have a list of inactive members, and Catherine Katsikis and Sam Palermo will lead an effort to contact inactive members and encourage them to join.

Meeting Discounts for Young Professionals: An idea explored was to have a meeting at a university that has been inactive for a while, such as FAU or UCF. Maybe do a photo context at the meeting see who gets the most likes on LinkedIn and then give a prize out. Catherine suggested teaming with NEMC/TNI conference in Jacksonville in August 2019. Maybe sponsor a break-out session? Advertise in the Florida Specifier? Or somewhere else?

Other suggestions included:

- providing discounts or grants for young professionals to attend meetings that are out of town
- encourage mentoring by having professionals bring young professionals and show them around
- target firms in the city where the meeting is held and encourage them to bring the young professionals
- Maybe have two grants/meeting

A Committee for Young Professional Outreach was formed: Sandra Fox, Gordon Brown, Christine Senne, Amelia Fontaine, and Allison Lewis.

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

Future Meetings:

1. November – Tallahassee on the 30th – Everything was set up for the November meeting. The organizing committee decided to pay the travel costs of Holly Greening since she just started a non-profit. This was approved but it was decided that Executive Committee approval should be obtained prior to making this type of decision in the future.

Meetings in 2019

1. Fort Myers, January 25. The meeting will be at FGCU, and 11 speakers are lined up. Everything is running smoothly with that meeting.
2. March 29, 2019: Sanford. Wayne Densch Theatre for the Performing Arts Mark Diblin is arranging. Willow Tree for the social
3. May: Meeting will have a mining focus. Society of Mining Engineers is co-sponsoring. Streamsong near Bartow. Walt is taking lead on this meeting.
4. August: Key West this year. Carol Howard and Luna are taking the organizing lead. Will organize reunion of retired members with a senior professional bringing a young protege .
5. September: Boca?

Election Committee: New Board members are Brent Anderson and Valerie Seidel. Kristin Bennett is rolling off the board. The following Executive Committee was nominated and approved by the board-elect: Walt Reigner (President); Roger Copp (Vice President), Kellie Clark (Treasurer), and Randy Smith (Secretary). Matt Brosman of Kimley Horn and Robert Shuford of SFWMD were write-in votes. It was noted that Executive Committee members are required to be members of AWRA National.

Unfinished Business:

Annual sponsorship is going well. Gunster and AECOM are new annual sponsors. NorthStar is also planning to renew their annual sponsorship. Sam Palermo has reached out to HDR to discuss their annual sponsorship renewal.

New Business: We ran out of time and delayed discussion to develop a policy in a future meeting regarding video recording of meeting presentations. **ACTION ITEM:** Develop a policy

ACTION ITEM: add sponsorship to the meeting agenda.

Board Member Responsibilities:

Board of Directors Comments: No comments were offered.

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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET
November 30, 2018
Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence, Tallahassee, Florida

Last Name	First Name	Signature
Bennett	Kristin	<i>Kristin Bennett</i>
Chatham	Alex	
Clark	Kellie	
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Jones	Gregg	
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Lewis	Allison	
McBryan	Jeremy	<i>Jeremy McBryan</i>
Miller	Karen	
Palermo	Sam	<i>called in</i>
Phillips	Luna	
Reigner	Walt	<i>Walt Reigner</i>
Senne	Christine	<i>Christine Senne</i>
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