



Arizona Hydrological Society

Arizona Hydrological Society (AHS)
Minutes of Corporate Board (CB) Meeting
November 19, 2005, 10:00 am
Arcadis, Phoenix
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Board Members Present:

Peter Kroopnick, President
Bill Petroustson, Vice President
Mike Geddis, Treasurer
Alan Dulaney, Secretary
Aregai Tecele
Ted Lehman
Mike Block
Paul Plato

1. Call to Order: Peter Kroopnick called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.

2. Review of Minutes
 - April 2005 minutes were slightly revised, approved unanimously.

 - August 6, 2006 CB minutes were revised: change 2b to “Tucson Chapter purchases.” Also split into three categories: 1) \$13,350.00 for AHS programs, 2) \$4,000.00 for operations, and 3) \$300.00 for filing fees.

 - Annual Meeting notes had slight changes. Approved unanimously for presentation at the 2006 Annual Meeting as amended.

 - Secretary requested to excerpt pertinent portions concerning AHSF from August 6 CB and Annual Meeting minutes in letter and send to Mike Geddis, Water Management Consultants, 3845 N. Business Center Dr, Suite 115, Tucson, AZ 85705.

3. Treasurer's Report by Mike Geddis

- Mike Geddis presented financial report as of September 30, 2005. Many expenses for the Annual Symposium have not yet been paid. See handout "Statement of Financial Position" (**Attachment 05.4.1**).

4. President's Report by Peter Kroopnick

- There is a problem looming in member participation. The same few people seem to be the chief participants out of the total membership. Core group needs to be expanded. Aregai Tecele suggested getting people on Chapter boards as a transition into activity within AHS as a whole. Bill Petrouson suggested different monthly meeting venues and times.

5. Update on 2005 Annual Symposium by Aregai Tecele

- It appears that the Annual Symposium may have lost money, about \$11,000, but the financial picture is incomplete.
- Don Bills still has expenses to be paid and \$12,000 in the merchant account to be transferred.
- General feeling of the Flagstaff Chapter was that the Symposium went very well. Committee did a good job of organizing and implementing the Symposium. Registration seemed to go well. However, there was a problem with the on-line registration, and it is recommended not to use wireless networks. Consultant (HPN) seemed to help in organizing and running the Symposium. HPN nametags were unreadable. HPN made a [presentation for the 2006 Symposium, but Phoenix Chapter has not yet made a decision. Tucson has been paying \$5-7K for coordinator. Flagstaff paid about \$6000 for HPN.
- Ted suggested member companies' administrative staff could be pressed into service, with a paid contract for their help. Administrative people under contract could handle registration, on-site coordination, and other matters and several firms may have experience in this area.

6. Arizona Hydrological Society Foundation presentation by Mike Geddis

- AHSF Board of Directors met. Candidates for the Board were nominated. AHSF Bylaws were adopted. Officers for AHSF were elected. Accounts were established for the funds which AHSF will raise and manage. See handout (**Attachment 05.4.2**).
- Mike Geddis moved that the AHS Corporate Board approve the slate of the AHSF candidates and give them power to carry out the AHS mission as the Foundation Board of Directors determines will benefit the understanding of hydrology in Arizona and the semi-arid Southwest, as in the handout. Bill Petrouson seconded. Discussion of relationship between AHS and AHSF, nature of control of Foundation by AHS, need to physically change the AHS Bylaws. Foundation will put up the entire slate of the Board of Directors for approval each year. Foundation bylaws (specifically 3.5 and 3.8) should reflect annual approval of the entire AHSF board by the AHS Corporate Board. Section 3.8 should read “The candidates’ list shall equal the number of upcoming Director vacancies plus existing Directors who terms have not expired.” Three Foundation members who were present pledged to work to amend the AHSF bylaws as suggested. Motion passed unanimously. AHS Corporate Board members signed to approve the establishment of the Arizona Hydrological Society Foundation.

7. Discussion of electronic newsletter

- Leilani Bew’s e-mail discusses copyright difficulties for an electronic newsletter, which are not present in the printed version. See handout (**Attachment 05.4.3**).
- The paper newsletter is welcome by most members, but articles are increasingly getting harder to obtain.
- Newsletter is still import to the AHS mission but may change in the future.
- Cost for the paper newsletter is high, \$13,000 to September 30; electronic version was seen originally as cheaper.
- Discussion of costs, where to get articles, desirability of electronic version.
- Mike Geddis moved to form committee to explore issues associated with newsletter and electronic version, with a budget of \$1,000, and the goal of providing proposals to the Corporate Board to resolve issues no later that the 3rd Quarter of 2006. Paul Plato seconded. Discussion of costs of the committee, including travel and meetings. Leilani Bew and Nancy Riccio will be on the committee. Motion passed unanimously.

- Discussion of “protected area” and archived newsletters. Content remains a major issue.

8. Update on ISMAR 2007 Symposium by Paul Plato

- Nancy Riccio did a mock-up of Website and proposal for doing work. See handout (Attachment 05.4.4). Paul Plato and Doug Bartlett would oversee work.
- Mike Geddis moved to approve the proposal as presented (see Attachment 05.4.4), and for AHS to enter into a contract with Plateau MediaWorks for development of the ISMAR 2007 Website, with expenditures to come out of the Recharge Account. Seconded by Aregai Tecele. Discussions of budget, expenditures, committee issues. Approved unanimously.
- Mike Clock moved to authorize expenditure of up to \$400.00 for hosting a Web site for the ISMAR 2007 conference to be paid from the Recharge Account. Mike Geddis seconded. Passed unanimously.

9. Scholarships by Aregai Tecele

- AHS needs strategies to increase the number of applicants for the scholarships, as the numbers are staying relatively low. Most students apply at the last minute. AHS scholarships are listed at all the universities in the Financial Aid offices. Suggestion to increase the monetary amount to make them more attractive. Suggestion to bring the deadline up to May 1 so that last-minute filings would decrease. Suggestion to advertise the scholarships more. Suggestion to do on the Web site with an electronic application form. Mailed applications can get lost. Suggestion to do a phased application process to get interested students' e-mail addresses, and get them more interested in AHS.
- Aregai will contact Nancy Riccio to get for on AHS Web site to elicit interest. Also he will check on putting information on internships at the Chapter level on the Web site.

10. Chapter Reports

- Ted Lehman presented Phoenix Chapter report. Steve Aquafredda will talk about student scholarships and applicants. Sees no problems currently. Marla Odom and Don Bills should know report. December meeting will be held at Piaazria Uno in

Tempe, and Lynn Fisher of the Bureau of Reclamation will be the guest speaker. Mike Geddis asked about money. Goal is to have meetings break even. Planning Committee for 2006 Annual Symposium is now meeting; December 7 is next meeting. Theme will be Water and Science: Past, Present and Future. Vendors will be a big portion of the meeting. Phoenix Chapter held a joint meeting with AEG in November, and many students showed up (extra credit). Possibility of a joint meeting in Tucson at the University of Arizona, could be a good opportunity to promote scholarships. Final number in January. More joint meetings with other organizations were suggested. The suggestion was offered that in 2006, Phoenix Chapter might be able to host semi-annual Foundation fund-raisers, such as wine-tasting events. Keep costs of attendance associated with vendor; have vendor serve any alcoholic beverages.

- Aregai Tecle presented Flagstaff Chapter report. Members are still exhausted from the efforts of the Annual Symposium in September. Accounting for the Symposium still needs to be reconciled. Seed money (\$7,000) needs to go for Symposium expenses.
- Bill Petroustson presented the Tucson Chapter report. Alan Stephens (Gov. Napolitano's chief of staff) gave a presentation at the last dinner meeting, and chapter made \$1300.00. The October field trip was only sparsely attended. The speaker for the December meeting will be Robert Webb.

11. New Business

- Foundation will increase the amount of money available for scholarships. AHSF needs to file forms, both state ADOR and federal IRS. The 2007 Annual Symposium in Tucson will be the 20th Anniversary of this important AHS event. Ideas on Symposium are sought. How to generate publicity; meeting announcements. Chapter-based updated e-mail lists are needed.
- Corporate Board seeks nominations for 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award; this should appear in the newsletter. Mike Block moved that the AHS Corporate Board seek nominations for the 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award. Aregai Tecle seconded. Passed unanimously.

12. Next Meeting: February 4, 2006, Tucson

13. Adjournment at 2:00 PM.