



Arizona Hydrological Society

Arizona Hydrological Society (AHS)
Minutes of Corporate Board Meeting
February 4, 2006, 10:00 am
Metropolitan Water District, Board Room, Tucson
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Board Members Present: Peter Kroopnick Ted Lehman, Aregai Teclé, Bill Petroutson, Michael Geddis, Mike Block, Leeanna Walker, Alan Dulaney

Guests: Dave Christiana, Kathy Jacobs

1. Presentation by Kathy Jacobs preceded the opening of the AHS Corporate Board meeting (see **Handout 06.1.1**). Kathy presented information concerning the newly founded Arizona Water Institute (AWI). AWI will focus on a) applied research, b) enhancing education (via faculty and building curriculum), c) enhancing economy by centralization of water knowledge. Arizona's base of water knowledge is big, 432 people at three universities, and these people should be coordinated. Difficulties in trust between departments within universities, between universities, between agencies, all contribute to the overall difficulty of getting AWI going, plus there is no funding yet. Batelle plan suggest grants and funds and contracts will amount to five million plus in several years. AWI is meant to broker approach to issues, facilitate people, and coordinate efforts. AWI reports up to Alan Stephens, Governor's Chief of Staff, and will have three vice-presidents at the universities. Currently the contacts include Abe Springer at NAU, Jim Holway at ASU, and Bob Arnold at UA. If the Legislature votes appropriations, AWI will have contacts inside agencies. Some discussion of a potential AHS role followed.
2. AHS Corporate Board meeting was called to order by Peter Kroopnick at 10:55 AM.
3. Slight corrections were made to November 19 Corporate Board minutes, approved unanimously. Agenda was altered.
4. Treasurer's Report by Mike Geddis
 - a. Financial report presentation (**Handout 06.1.2**).
 - b. Tucson 2004 Annual Symposium checking account needs to be reported and reconciled. Discussion of need for better or more timely reporting. Peter will have a conversation with Howard. The money is in, but categories were not

specified.

- c. Endowment funds were described (basically \$116,000 to \$27,000).
 - d. Overall, AHS made \$5500, mutual funds included, and spent \$4500 on scholarships.
 - e. Discussion of scholarships, internships. Suggestion was made that hours be increased for interns, perhaps from 240 to 360. Pay should also be increased. If budget line items 5402-5404 are maintained, resources for interns increase 2X, so increased pay can be covered.
 - f. AHS scholarships could also be doubled, if \$4500 is left in the budget. Also Lifetime Achievement Award, but this usually comes back, so set this at zero in budget.
 - g. Newsletter expenses discussed. Committee exists, but there is no report yet.
 - h. Corporate Board subsidies to the various chapters were discussed. The consensus was to leave the subsidies as is.
 - i. Web site operation and maintenance costs were discussed. Again the consensus was to leave it as is.
 - j. Accounting costs were set at \$5200; legal costs were set at \$250.
 - k. Aregai Teclé moved to approve the 2006-2007 AHS Corporate Budget as amended, Leeanna Walker seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 - l. Mike Geddis discussed ISMAR 2007 money. Mike Geddis moved that the landfill symposium accounts be closed, and money sent to CB for 2006 operating expenses, but AHS will continue to support ISMAR 2007. Peter added a hearty "Thank You" to the landfill symposium volunteers. Ted Lehman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
 - m. Mike Geddis wants to increase annual dues to \$45. Members should be notified prior to any increase, perhaps at the next Annual Meeting? Much discussion of the timing of dues increase, amount, how it compares to other organizations. Symposium costs consume the dues. People don't think about the dues as dues, just about the cost of the Symposium registration. Net revenues fluctuate over the years with changing Symposium venues. Scholarships should be better funded. How does this interface with the newsletter committee? Resistance to dues increase should be expected amongst many members. No motion was made. Discussion was vigorous. Discussion will be tabled until next CB meeting.
5. Corporate Board membership was set for 2006 as follows:
- a. Nancy Riccio, 2006 (one year term)
 - b. Leeanna Walker, 2006-7 (two year term)
 - c. Alan Dulaney, 2006 (one year remaining)
 - d. Mike Block, 2006 (one year remaining)
 - e. Mike Geddis 2006-7 (two years remaining)
 - f. Bill Petroustson, 2006 (one year remaining)
 - g. Aregai Teclé, 2006 (one year remaining)
 - h. Ted Lehman, 2006 (one year remaining)
 - i. Peter Kroopnick, 2006 (one year remaining)
6. Nominations for Officers of the Corporate Board for 2006 were made:
- a. Secretary: Alan Dulaney
 - b. Treasurer: Mike Geddis
 - c. Vice-President: Bill Petroustson

- d. President: Peter Kroopnick
 - e. Peter moved that the slate of candidates be elected by acclamation, Mike Geddis seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Report on 2005 Annual Symposium by Aregai Teclé
- a. Not much to report as Don Bills has all the financial information, but his father passed away recently, and Don has been unavailable.
8. Budget for 2006 Annual Symposium, by David Christiana
- a. Income projections explained (see **Handout 06.1.3**). Vigorous discussion of student sponsorships and how the money flows to AHSF. It is not legally possible to handle funding quid pro quo to pay for a specific student's registration, but sponsors could give AHSF a block of money. AHSF must receive money as a donation with no strings attached. Earmarked donations are not possible if the intent is to circumvent IRS. Earmarked donations and donations with restrictions can be accepted if AHSF knows in advance what the restrictions are and approves of them. Idea is to support AHSF. AHSF board of directors must consider if they want to sponsor students at the Annual Symposium. We will return to this topic at April's meeting. Request was made via the Vice-President and Treasurer, who serve on the AHSF board, to ask the AHSF board if they will sponsor student attendance at the AHS Annual Symposium.
 - b. Expenses were explained. Discussion of various expenses followed.
 - c. Mike Geddis moved to approve the 2006 Annual Symposium budget, Mike Block seconded. Motion approved unanimously. A check for \$1500 was passed along to the Annual Symposium committee.
 - d. Some discussion of general plans for the 2006 Annual Symposium.
9. President's Report by Peter Kroopnick
- a. Board actions via e-mail since the last meeting.
 - i. Support for SAHRA database project via letter (see **Handout 06.1.4**).
 - ii. Letter from AHS President to Hermann Bouwer thanking Hermann for the gift of money, which went to AHSF.
 - iii. Digitization efforts?
 - b. AIH Web site, new proposal to register "hydrological technicians." This is a registration issue. No defined affiliate program.
10. Committee Reports
- a. Web site report was deferred. Discussion of various aspects of the Web site. Site needs to be updated on a regular basis. Who has administrator privileges? For now send everything through Peter. Chapters are to update their own Web pages.
 - b. Paul Plato not being present, discussion of the electronic newsletter committee was tabled.

11. Scholarships by Aregai Tecele

- a. New interest form has been drafted (see **Handout 06.1.5**). Edits to be done for the universities. The hope is to attract more applicants and interest.

12. AHSF update by Bill Petrouson and Mike Block

- a. Foundation wants permission to do their own logo. Suggestion was made to add the AHSF name to the standard AHS logo. Aregai Tecele moved that AHSF use the standard AHS logo and add the name of the Foundation, Leeanna seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. AHSF is looking at priorities. First, fund the scholarships and internships, and then raise more money. AHSF moved to place Hermann Bouwer's generous gift into the endowment to fund scholarships from the interest. Committee has been formed to pursue fund-raising. There was some discussion about supporting research, as well as mission statement ideas. Brain-storming for the future; immediate needs include more fund-raising.

13. Chapter Reports and Budgets

- a. Phoenix Chapter budget reported by Ted Lehman, much the same as last year (see **Handout 06.1.6**). Ted moved that the Phoenix Chapter budget be approved as amended with the addition of \$2400 for the Bouwer scholarship from AHSF. Aregai seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
- b. Ted talked about AEG and AHS joint meeting (see **Handout 06.1.7**).
- c. Flagstaff Chapter budget based on Corporate Board contribution, with expenses at \$2010, income at \$2349 (see **Handout 06.1.8**).
- d. Tucson Chapter budget reported by Mike Block. Revenue projected at \$6430, while expenses projected at \$8390. Figures are preliminary, don't include money now in bank accounts. Looks much the same as in Mike Geddis' handout, but with some changes. Copy will be e-mailed. Shortfall will occur. Aregai moved to accept preliminary budget, Leeanna seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

14. New Business

- a. Joint sponsorship of meeting with AEG. General dissatisfaction of how it all progressed. Meeting date and time proved to be in conflict with El Dia de Agua. Moved to Tucson. No money advanced yet. Logistics not very good. AHS should not absorb any costs. Phoenix Chapter to contribute any money, up to \$350.
- b. Lifetime Achievement Award nomination forms are now available on the AHS Web site.

15. Next Corporate Board meeting is in Phoenix, possibly at Arcadis or JE Fuller, on April 29, 2006.

16. Meeting adjourned.