

Minutes from the Indiana Water Monitoring Council Board of Directors meeting (3/11/2010)

Next scheduled meeting: It was recommended that we bypass the scheduled May 11, 2010 meeting date in lieu of the May 26 General Membership meeting.

Action Items:

- Develop ballot for General Membership logo vote and distribute (Scott Morlock and Shawn Naylor)
- Send fact sheet to entire Board of Directors for comment and provide final version to Sara Peel for distribution at Indiana Lakes Management Society Annual Conference (Shawn Naylor)
- Recommend a new Communications Committee Chairperson to the Board to approve at its next meeting (Scott Morlock)
- Contact potential venues for fall 2010 InWMC conference and gather information regarding costs, parking, and availability.

Attendees (11 total):

Jody Arthur, Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)

Sara Slater (ISDA)

Shawn Naylor, Indiana Geological Survey (IGS)

Rachelle Baker, KCI Technologies

Siavash Beik, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.

Via conference call

Sara Peel, Indiana Lakes Management Society (ILMS)

Stu Shipman, Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

Jody Arthur: calls the meeting to order at 10:13 am and announces that there will be no voting since a quorum is not present.

Projects in Committee

Communications Committee

Shawn Naylor presented material provided by Committee Chair, Scott Morlock, who was not able to attend the meeting. Three additional draft InWMC logos submitted since the January Board meeting were reviewed by those in attendance along with the previously submitted logos. It was decided that the logos submitted to date should be sent to the General Membership for a vote so that a logo can be chosen as soon as possible.

A draft InWMC fact sheet, developed by the Communications Committee following a recent committee meeting was presented. It was requested that those in attendance review the fact sheet and provide comments. Siavash Beik requested that the fact sheet be sent to the remainder of the Board for comment. Sara Peel suggested that the fact sheet be distributed at the upcoming Indiana Lakes Management Society Annual Conference and agreed to distribute them at the conference following review.

Committee for Organizational Structure

Jody Arthur mentioned that no progress has been made since the last Board meeting. The only remaining work for the committee includes filing the appropriate applications for non-profit status and incorporation, which will likely be initiated soon.

Coordination and Collaboration Committee

Jody Arthur announced that Scott Morlock will be relinquishing his duties as Communications Committee Chairperson and taking over for Bill Guertal as Chair of the Coordination and Collaboration Committee. Siavash Beik suggested that Scott recommend a replacement Communications Chairperson for the Board to approve at its next meeting.

A discussion regarding potential efforts for the committee to embark upon ensued. Siavash Beik recommended that the committee could follow a model used by the American Society of Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) who set-up meetings for particular issues that arise and invite members from multiple agencies to attend and discuss how the issue can be collectively addressed. Sara Slater suggested that a potential topic of discussion might be the upcoming Mississippi River Basin study that the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is providing funding for. She noted that many potential applicants lack the technical expertise to design effective monitoring networks and it was mentioned that the committee could provide a forum for linking those with monitoring experience with those in need of assistance.

Research, Education, and Outreach Committee

Committee Chairperson, Ruben Goforth, was not in attendance.

Technical Resources Compilation Committee

Jody Arthur announced that Rachele Baker has agreed to take over as the new Chairperson of the committee. Rachele asked for information regarding what work has already been done, what options are available for posting resources on the Web site, and what work remains to be completed. Shawn Naylor provided an overview of the functionality of the Web site in terms of posting resources and also described the nature of the resources that have been posted to date. Others in attendance suggested that the committee review the existing resources and identify information gaps that need to be filled.

Conference Planning Committee

Jody Arthur asked for suggested agenda items to include for the upcoming InWMC business meeting in May. It was suggested that the meeting could include:

- 1) a report of progress that the Council has made over the past year (e.g., Web site development, logo design, etc.);
- 2) a discussion of potential themes for the fall 2010 conference;
- 3) a solicitation for issues that can be addressed by the Coordination and Collaboration Committee.

The group discussed possible venues for the fall conference including the Indiana Government Center, Fort Ben, and the State Library. Jody Arthur will be contacting these venues to gather information and try to make reservations as soon as possible.

New Business

Jody Arthur announced that she and/or Jeff Frey (USGS) are planning to attend the National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC) Summit in April. InWMC has been asked to present in a session on building and sustaining state monitoring councils. She requested ideas for topics that the InWMC could present and it was suggested that the group could give an overview of how the Wild Apricot tool has been used to develop the Web site and track membership.

None in attendance participated in the March 2 NWQMC webinar. Two people attempted to attend but were unable to login.

Wrap-up / Next Steps

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Meeting adjourned at 11:45am