

Minutes from the Indiana Water Monitoring Council Board of Directors meeting (7/14/2009)

Next scheduled meeting: September 8, 2009

Action Items:

- Schedule Coordination and Collaboration Committee meeting (Bill Guertal)
- Schedule Research, Education, and Outreach Compilation Committee meeting (Ruben Goforth)
- Update next Board meeting date on original InWMC Web site (www.InWMC.org) (Scott Morlock / Elizabeth Trybula)
- Speak with Ernie Johnson (IDEM) and see if he is willing to chair the Technical Resources Compilation Committee (Jody Arthur)
- Scan final bylaw version signed by President Jody Arthur and post on InWMC Web site (Shawn Naylor)
- Contact Board members that have not attended meetings in the past year to find out if they are still interested in participating in the future (Jody Arthur)

Attendees (10 total):

Scott Morlock, United States Geological Survey (USGS)
Jody Arthur, Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)
Shannon Zezula, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)
Siavash Beik, Christopher Burke Engineering
Shawn Naylor, Indiana Geological Survey (IGS)
Sara Slater-Atwater, Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA)
Sara Peel, Indiana Lakes Management Society (ILMS)

Via conference call

Cindy Muffett, Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District
Reuben Goforth, Purdue University
Bill Jones, Indiana University

Jody Arthur: calls the meeting to order at 10:05 am

Jody Arthur: The first order of business is to get updates from our standing and ad-hoc committees.

Projects in Committee

Jody Arthur: Can we get an update on the Communications Committee?

Scott Morlock: We have not met since the last Board meeting so there isn't much to discuss for Communications. However, we will plan on meeting in the next week or so.

Shawn Naylor: I did some updates on the new Web site hosted by Wild Apricot and the rolodex now appears to be functional. I also included some information on our new ad-hoc committees, but there is work that still needs to be done with regard to the formatting.

Sara Peel: Can we update the old site so it has a more recent Board meeting date? It now says that the next meeting is in March, which makes it look like we haven't been active.

Scott Morlock: We will likely be rolling out the new Web site very soon, but I can go ahead and have Elizabeth Trybula update that information on the original Web site.

Jody Arthur: Do we have an update for the Coordination and Collaboration Committee?

Scott Morlock: Bill Guertal will convene with the committee during the 1st week of August.

Ruben Goforth: Due to busy schedules, the Research, Education, and Outreach Compilation Committee has not met yet, but I plan to organize a meeting sometime in the next few weeks.

Jody Arthur: Do we have an update for the Technical Resources Compilation Committee?

Sara Peel: Didn't we decide to merge the Technical Resources Committee with the Research, Education, and Outreach Committee during the General Membership meeting?

Siavash Beik: I remember that we determined there were different audiences for these two projects so we decided to keep them separate.

Shawn Naylor: Much work has already been done by the Communications Committee to compile a list of technical resources available on the Web.

Scott Morlock: Jody, since we are still looking for an individual to chair this committee, do you think Ernie Johnson would be interested considering he worked with Sally Letsinger to compile the technical resources list that Shawn is speaking of?

Jody Arthur: I can look into that.

Jody Arthur: The Organizational Structure Committee met a few weeks ago and we are currently thinking that incorporating and applying for non-profit status is currently the most likely option. I still have some questions I need to get answers for from the Indiana Secretary of State office, and Stu [Shipman] is following up with some IRS questions. We should be able to have a set of recommendations to present to the Board by next meeting.

Jody Arthur: Before we move on to new business, I'd also need to mention that the National Water Quality Monitoring Council's Water Information Strategies Session Web-ex broadcast will not start until 4:30pm on July 21. I presume that most folks will not want to convene to watch it that late in the day, but I still plan on viewing the session.

Scott Morlock will send information on the Web-ex to Board members to allow them to attend on their own if possible.

New Business: project work plans discussed during May 6 General Membership meeting

Jody Arthur: Do we have a protocol for distributing the InWMC Board and General Membership distribution lists to those who request it? Say, through the Communications Committee? Or, is it even appropriate to do so? Someone asked me for the list awhile back, and I wanted to discuss it with the Board to make sure my thinking on this was correct.

Siavash Beik: Distribution lists for organizations typically are not made publically available.

Bill Jones: I think that going through the Communications Committee for announcements is a good idea.

Several in agreement.

Jody Arthur: Do we have a method for posting the minutes so anyone can view them?

Siavash Beik: Shawn typically does a good job of distributing the minutes to the Board so all these files should be somewhere.

Shawn Naylor: I still need to figure out how to post Adobe PDF files on the Web site, but that should be as easy as uploading the files and adding links on a page.

Jody Arthur provided a signed copy of the by-laws to Shawn Naylor for posting on the Web site.

Jody Arthur: The National Water Quality Monitoring Conference will be next April in Denver, Colorado. It would be nice if we could get some participation from the InWMC. I doubt that I'll be able to go given the new state budget and the travel restrictions currently in place at the state right now.

Scott Morlock: Bill Guertal and I plan on attending. Shawn, will you be able to make the trip?

Shawn Naylor: I'll see what my options are for out-of-state travel over the next year.

Sara Peel: Has anyone contacted the Board members that have not attended any meetings over the past year? It seems like we should do something to get them involved.

Jody Arthur: I will contact those individuals and see if they will plan on participating more in the future.

Jody Arthur: Our next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2009 at 10:00 am to noon here at the USGS facilities. Do I have a motion to adjourn the meeting?

Siavash Beik: I motion that we adjourn.

Shannon Zezula: I second the motion.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30am