

## **Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting March 11, 2010**

The March 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held as part of the 2010 IAFSM Annual Conference at the Holiday Inn and Tinley Park Convention Center in Tinley Park, Illinois on March 11, 2010. Those attending the meeting included:

Kerry Behr	Terry Reuss Fell	Tom Kehoe	Matt Wahl
Jerry Bishoff	Amanda Flegel	Jennifer Maercklein	Kay Whitlock
Wes Cattoor	Erik Gil	Bruce Matthews	Jeff Wickenkamp
Scott Cofoid	Jonathan Grabowy	Bob Murdock	Wayne Wille
Daniel Cook	Minal Hahm	Paul Osman	Brad Winters
Mike Cothard	Sarah Harbaugh	Lillian Prince	Loren Wobig
Maureen Durkin	Mary Lou Kalsted	Stu Richter	

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m. by Jeff Wickenkamp.

### **1.1 CORRESPONDENCE**

Recent correspondence included:

- January 2010 phone call from Representative Bob Pritchard to Jeff Wickenkamp, asking for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers' thoughts on statewide floodplain legislation. IAFSM to potentially develop a paper regarding legislative needs.
- January 15, 2010 email correspondence from Jeff Wickenkamp to Representative Bob Pritchard, who is a co-sponsor of the Mental Health Bill, discussing IAFSM's position on House Amendment 2 to the Mental Health Bill (Senate Bill 2093), which reintroduced the Star Bonds Financial Act. Jeff also forwarded Representative Pritchard an August 25, 2009 letter that IAFSM had written regarding the Star Bonds Financial Act.
- February 17, 2010 letter to members of the Illinois House of Representatives, Arthur L. Turner, Careen M. Gordon and Bob Biggins (copied to Illinois State Senator Dale E. Risinger), requesting their opposition to SB 2093 unless amended.

### **2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Mary Lou Kalsted moved to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2010 meeting; Stu Richter seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **3.0 OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT – Loren Wobig**

Treasurer Loren Wobig distributed the latest budget report, account balances and 2010-2011 Annual Budget. Loren stated that the annual budget this year is a deficit budget, and the reasons for this include: assumption that the annual conference will "break even"; anticipated increased expenses projected for university grants, ASFPM scholarships, and credit card fees; and assumption of modest income from planned seminars. Adequate association savings and investments are available to cover the deficit budget if income levels stay near estimated amounts or fall below. Loren Wobig moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Mary Lou Kalsted seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

#### **3.2 OTHER OFFICERS**

Since the last Board meeting, one email vote opened on January 21 and closed on January 25, 2010. The motion for the vote was to have IAFSM be the sole sponsor of up to 10 basic conference registrations for local officials to attend the ASFPM 2010 Conference. Total cost is not to exceed \$6,000. The same requirements and documentation developed for the 2009 IAFSM scholarships will be used. Paul Osman will coordinate these

scholarships for IAFSM. Paul Osman made the motion, and Lillian Prince seconded the motion and called for a vote. The motion carried.

#### **4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **4.1 CRS COMMITTEE – Mary Lou Kalsted, Chair**

Mary Lou Kalsted discussed the CRS Committee meeting that took place on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Fifteen communities were represented at the meeting by the attendees. Mary Lou encouraged CRS representatives to attend the IAFSM conference. The CRS Committee has been using the committee's page on the IAFSM website ([www.illinoisfloods.org](http://www.illinoisfloods.org)) to communicate and transmit documents under password protection. Also, the committee is thinking about sponsoring an Elevation Certificate seminar this year. Mary Lou added that the committee may have some nominations for scholarship recipients to attend next year's conference. The next CRS Committee meeting will be in July.

##### **4.2 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Matt Wahl, Chair**

Matt Wahl reported that 29 people took the national CFM test that he proctored the day before the IAFSM conference. He stated there may be some upcoming revisions to the national exam. Paul Osman mentioned that we need to update how we are presenting the CFM exam information on the IAFSM website. Matt added that ASFPM suggests that we take the Desk Reference down, because it is specific to Illinois and no longer applicable. Matt Wahl, Jeff Wickenkamp and Lillian Prince will look at the webpage to make sure that it is clear and update it as necessary.

##### **4.3 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Kay Whitlock, Chair**

Kay Whitlock distributed a summary of the Senate Bills that the IAFSM Board took issue with in the past year. Kay will send the list to Lillian Prince, Website Information Director, to post on the website under the Legislation Committee page. There have been a number of bills that have been keeping us busy lately. There is one currently active in southern Illinois, and Kay stated that she is not optimistic for the implications on the three counties that it would affect. Paul mentioned that he is afraid that the enacting of the bill will also have a negative statewide affect on floodplain policy.

Kay stated that throughout the year of writing letters and contacting legislators, it has been unfortunately difficult for us to gain traction. It has also been a chore just to keep an eye on the proposed legislation because it keeps popping up under different and often misleading names. To gain some footing, Kay suggested that we reach out even more to IEMA and legislators. Other suggestions that came forth from meeting attendees included that we post our letters on our website and also perhaps craft position statements that are very plain English and not complex. Kay asked for anyone willing to help out. David Schein, Terry Reuss Fell and Molly O'Toole stated that they would like to take part moving forward.

##### **4.4 NEWSLETTER – Jennifer Maercklein, Chair**

Jennifer reported that the April newsletter's article submittal deadline is March 19. Please let Jennifer know if you intend to submit something, so that she can watch for it. Paul Osman suggested that the critical facilities piece be a cover story. Jennifer mentioned that she will also like to include the summary that Kay provided in her report. Topic suggestions are also accepted for future newsletters.

The summer newsletter submittal deadline will be pushed up one month from June to May 21 for an early June publication. The fall newsletter will go back on regular schedule with articles due September 24 for early October publication.

- 4.5 EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Amanda Flegel, Chair**  
Amanda Flegel informed us that the pre-conference seminars went well, and she would suggest IAFSM host them again next year. Amanda said she is working on holding a dam safety, elevation certificate or Floodplain 101 seminar before the next CFM exam.
- 4.6 FLOOD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Erik Gil, Chair**  
Erik Gil reported that the H&H Modeling pre-conference seminar was a packed house and had received positive feedback.
- 4.7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Bob Murdock, Chair**  
Bob Murdock stated that the EPA-SWMM/BMP Modeling pre-conference workshop went well. In the workshop, they worked through examples, and this is a format that has received a lot of positive response.
- There is a request for a BMP seminar to take place in Rock Island. Another topic may be the development of a stormwater program. The Stormwater Committee is considering the Rock Island seminar for April.
- Bob mentioned he may like to include an article in the newsletter on the Stormwater Committee on-goings.
- 4.8 MITIGATION COMMITTEE – Terry Reuss Fell, Chair**  
Terry Reuss Fell reported that she will use the IAFSM website to post items of interest and solicit committee involvement. She stated that she would like to plan a workshop for this year, but is looking for topic suggestions. Mary Lou Kalsted suggested that the conference next year include a flyer on the lunch tables for people to choose a committee and provide input on topics of interest for seminars.
- 4.9 WETLANDS COMMITTEE – Tom Kehoe, Chair**  
Tom Kehoe reported that the Wetlands Committee is discussing a training function for late summer. He would like the event to incorporate a field visit.
- 4.10 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair**  
No report.
- 4.11 AWARDS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair**  
Paul Osman stated that the awards will be presented today at the conference.
- 4.12 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE– Kerry Behr, Chair**  
Kerry Behr reported that, of the six attendance scholarships that were extended, two were accepted. Kerry stated that she would like to give each of the scholarship recipients an IAFSM polo shirt.
- 4.13 YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Mark Hoskins, Chair**  
The Youth Outreach Committee Chair position is currently open. Jeff stated that we intend to continue the university grant program and endless other opportunities are possible if we can keep this committee active. David Schein suggested that IAFSM reach out to Soil and Water Conservation Districts and NRCS to solicit the position and also to advertise that the water tables that IAFSM purchased are available for use. Jeff Wickenkamp added that we should mention the open position in the next newsletter.
- 4.14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Mike Cothard, Chair**  
Mike Cothard thanked everyone for their help in putting the conference together. He mentioned that the pre-conference seminars went well, especially for this being the first

time they were offered. He is now starting to think about the downstate conference next year.

Molly O'Toole and Minal Hahm mentioned that sponsorship has been on a downward trend. In response to this, the company names and logos have been placed more prevalently throughout the conference. For example, they were displayed with a PowerPoint file on the screens during lunch. Molly and Minal suggested that the invitation for conference sponsors should go out in advance, and then the sponsors should be printed on the conference announcement. They also volunteered to write up a blurb on what sponsorship means, to be included with next year's conference literature.

**5.0 OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**6.0 NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Membership Drive**

Jeff Wickenkamp proposed a membership drive for county/municipal employees, retired and unemployed persons, who would like to be members of IAFSM and attend our conference. He suggested that the membership fee of \$20 be waived in these cases. Jeff made a motion for approval of this membership drive. Loren Wobig seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Jeff will announce the membership drive during his presentation at lunch today.

**7.0 RATIFICATION**

Jeff Wickenkamp moved to ratify and affirm all delegated and authorized acts of the Board of Officers, Chairs and staff for and on behalf of the Association. Lillian Prince seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Jeff Wickenkamp moved to adjourn the meeting of the IAFSM Board. Stu Richter seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

The next IAFSM Board Meeting scheduled time and location is T.B.D.

Respectively submitted,

Lillian B. Prince, PE, LEED AP, CFM  
IAFSM Board Secretary