

Minutes of the IAFSM Board of Directors Meeting May 12, 2010

The May 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors for the Illinois Association for Floodplain and Stormwater Managers was held at the Bloomington-Normal Marriot in Normal, Illinois on May 12, 2010. Those attending the meeting included:

Andrew Braun	Erik Gil	Paul Osman	Jeff Wickenkamp
Kerry Behr	Sarah Harbaugh	Lillian Prince	Loren Wobig
Mike Cothard	Mary Lou Kalsted	Stu Richter	
Amanda Flegel	Bob Murdock	Matt Wahl	

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Jeff Wickenkamp, and attendees introduced themselves.

Jeff Wickenkamp called for a vote to appoint a new Youth Outreach Chair. From six applicants, Jeff held interviews with the top three applicants, and based on his review, Jeff recommends Andrew Braun for the Board's approval for this position. Jeff motioned to approve Andrew Braun as Youth Outreach Chair, Stu Richter seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

1.1 CORRESPONDENCE

There has been no recent correspondence.

2.0 APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Approval of the minutes from the March 11, 2010 meeting was tabled.

3.0 OFFICER REPORTS

3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT – Loren Wobig

Treasurer Loren Wobig distributed the latest account balance summary, including the checking, savings and CD. The latest expenses include post-conference bills, such as payment to the hotel, etc. Loren reported that taxes are in the process of being filed. The CPA has prepared our exempt income tax forms, which should be submitted soon (due May 15). Loren gave a fiscal 2010-2011 projection, showing that expenses have been matching income closely.

Loren Wobig moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Mike Cothard seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

3.2 OTHER OFFICERS

Since the last Board meeting, one email vote occurred. The email vote opened on April 15, 2010 and closed on April 16. The motion for the vote was to approve the Stormwater Committee's budget of \$4,100 for an MS4 workshop in Moline on May 25th. This went to vote because the dollar amount exceeds the pre-approved \$2,500 for committees to hold a seminar. The budget of \$4,100 was needed in order for the association to break even. Bob Murdock made the motion, and Lillian Prince seconded the motion and called for a vote. The motion carried.

Stu Richter reported that he attended a conference of Illinois Association of County Zoning Officials (IACZO), and he gathered some information on what seems to be keeping County Zoning Officials from attending the IAFSM conferences. One point of feedback that Stu received on this was that the timing of the conference may make more sense for members of their association if our conference fell earlier in the year. IAFSM has tried to hold the conference earlier in the year in the past, but January and February's winter driving conditions have proven to be one of the main problems with this. Stu will draw up

a questionnaire for more specific feedback from IACZO, so that we can target more accessible ways to cross-pollinate information between associations. Stu's report began a Board discussion of other groups that may want to attend, as well as, other possible programs to offer at the conference, to attract a more diverse attendance, such as planners, emergency managers and levee/dam safety managers.

Vice Chair and Annual Conference Committee Chair Mike Cothard scheduled a Board tour of the Bloomington-Normal Marriot facility, for consideration for next year's conference. The Board started the tour at 9:45 a.m. and considered the options.

4.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 CRS COMMITTEE – Mary Lou Kalsted, Chair

Mary Lou Kalsted reported that the next CRS Committee meeting will take place in Lisle on July 21. One of the items the committee is thinking about is hosting training sessions soon, such as elevation certificates for surveyors or Floodplain 101 for realtors. Mary Lou also mentioned that she'd written an article for the NFIP/CRS Update newsletter, mentioning IAFSM. This article was included in the April/May 2010 issue, which can be accessed at this link: <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=4184>. On the IAFSM website, the CRS Committee page has established a login for the users group to access and share documents. In addition, Mary Lou has been utilizing the LinkedIn.com CRS group as another avenue to connect with the users group. Paul Osman stated that Illinois has more communities that are looking to join CRS.

4.2 CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE – Matt Wahl, Chair

Matt Wahl reported that the reliability-validity testing of the national exam has been completed by Ohio State University. There were a couple of concerns spotted in the testing. The main issue is that an exam question pool of 500-600 questions will need to be developed, so that questions can be interchanged and looped. Matt is working with ASFPM to establish a group to develop this question pool.

Matt opened a discussion with the Board regarding the CFM expiration of Rich Roths. Rich was one of our founding members and also was one of the authors of the original Illinois CFM exam. He was instrumental in developing our association's CFM program, and because of this, Matt asked the Board to consider the lapse of Rich's CFM as a special circumstance and renew his certification. Matt motioned that the Board approve the CFM renewal of Rich Roths. Stu Richter seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Matt mentioned that the CFM exams are scheduled quarterly and the next one will be held at the IDNR office in Bartlett on June 15.

4.3 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Kay Whitlock, Chair

No report from Kay. Paul Osman reported that Senate Bill 2556, which changes the State's definition of floodplain to exclude the Metro East area, has passed the House. Led by Senator Haine, this bill will allow expansion of a landfill in the floodplain and will also allow critical facility development in the floodplain. Paul has attended two hearings and several IDNR meetings, and it is unfortunately looking like Governor Quinn will sign the bill. IAFSM has written letters and made numerous contacts throughout the process of fighting the ratification of this bill. Although this is a major defeat, we may have gained a better position to be more effective for the next time politics drive a proposed dilution of floodplain management regulations.

Paul also mentioned that Senate Bill 1909, a.k.a. "STAR Bonds Financing Act" had failed, but it remains in circulation by Senator Haine. As mentioned in previous Board meetings, this bill would incentivize development in the floodplain through dedication of taxpayer money, and IAFSM has written letters against its enactment. The text of this bill has

already popped up again, disguised as a mental health bill. Paul will keep us posted on any further sightings.

4.4 NEWSLETTER – Jennifer Maercklein, Chair

Jennifer was unable to attend the meeting, but she had emailed in her report. The spring newsletter went out as planned, and she is gathering content for the Summer Newsletter. The deadline for contributions is May 21. The fall newsletter will be published after the September Board meeting.

4.5 EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Amanda Flegel, Chair

Amanda Flegel is trying to get something together for the July deadline CECs, and perhaps there will be a dam safety class to offer in June. In addition, she is working with the CRS Committee on a Floodplain 101 seminar for September.

There are a couple of items that Amanda would like to start working on and is looking for ideas on how to best proceed. One item is the Great Lakes mapping methodology revisions. Perhaps a dinner seminar can be assembled to present this. The other item is compiling modules for building public support. Please contact Amanda if you have information or suggestions on these topics. Amanda is also taking ideas for pre-conference seminars for next year's conference.

4.6 FLOOD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Erik Gil, Chair

Erik Gil is recruiting committee members and reported that he may organize another FEQ class.

4.7 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Bob Murdock, Chair

Bob Murdock reported that the MS4 Workshop is scheduled for May 25 in Moline at the I-Wireless Center. The Workshop will cover a variety of topics, including new State and Federal regulations, IDDE, post-construction BMPs, the "Green Infrastructure for Clean Water" study, and construction erosion control. Registration is coming along, and space is still available. The Stormwater Management Committee intends to plan another workshop for the fall and is taking suggestions for its subject matter.

4.8 MITIGATION COMMITTEE – Terry Reuss Fell, Chair

Terry Reuss Fell was unable to attend the meeting but emailed in her report. The Mitigation Committee now officially has 13 members and there has been discussion on a wide variety of topics and how best to present them. Some of the topics discussed thus far are Mitigation Planning, Flood Insurance for Floodplain Managers, Project Development/Implementation, Mitigation and Floodplain Management Plans and Programs. The committee is looking to assemble presentations for the next annual conference or perhaps offer a day of training before the conference. Meanwhile, the Mitigation Committee will serve as a technical user group for IAFSM members using HAZUS, BCA and e-grants. This will be called the "Technical Users Group – Mitigation" (TUG-Mit). Terry has been reaching out to IEMA and local mitigation and floodplain management officials to coordinate efforts.

4.9 WETLANDS COMMITTEE – Tom Kehoe, Chair

No report.

4.10 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair

No report.

4.11 AWARDS COMMITTEE – Paul Osman, Chair

Paul Osman reported that two scholarships were requested and also granted for attendance at the National conference.

4.12 INTER-ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE– Kerry Behr, Chair

Kerry Behr stated she has been contacting several associations and following up with phone calls. Jeff Wickenkamp mentioned that he received an email from an ecosystem partnership in Lake County about a watershed tour, and Kerry said she would follow up with them on what this entails. Stu Richter suggested inviting the organizations to attend our Board meetings. Kerry will also draw upon what we find out from Stu’s questionnaire to IACZO and will coordinate with Stu on additional outreach.

4.13 YOUTH OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Andrew Braun, Chair

Andrew Braun is the new Committee Chair. Sarah Harbaugh mentioned that she has a list of people that are interested in helping on the Youth Outreach Committee and will forward to Andrew. Andrew stated that he would build upon the old contacts and also reach out to more universities. Amanda Flegel said she would coordinate with Andrew on administration of the three current university grants. The question was posed to Andrew to look into the feasibility of formalizing the grant program. It was mentioned that we should perhaps build a list of contacts at universities to add to the IAFSM distribution list. Board members agreed to send Andrew any university contacts they may have. Andrew will also solicit more university contact information from the membership in the upcoming newsletter.

Loren Wobig reported on the progress at Kidzeum. Previous meetings were brainstorming sessions, and now ideas are drawn up while the feedback also continues. Kidzeum has sent IAFSM a proposal, suggesting a donation that can be pledged, perhaps over a number of years or as the Board deems suitable for the exhibits proposed. Loren passed around the proposal for the Board to look through and discussed Kidzeum’s flexibility on receiving the monetary pledge. Board discussion on the possible donation was positive but also economically conscious. Loren will request the Kidzeum representative present the proposal at the next Board meeting.

4.14 ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE – Mike Cothard, Chair

Mike Cothard presented a summary of comments and tallied feedback from the 2010 conference. Mike posed questions to the Board to further discuss the possibility of holding the next conference at the Bloomington-Normal Marriot.

5.0 OLD BUSINESS

5.1 Constitution and Bylaws

Tabled for next meeting.

5.2 Donations Policy

Jeff Wickenkamp and Stu Richter are working together to present on this at the next meeting.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 National Conference – Chapter Meeting Attendance

Amanda, Mike and Loren are going to the national conference, and one of them will be sure to attend the Chapter Meeting.

6.2 IAFSM 25-Year Anniversary

Next year’s conference will also commemorate our 25-year anniversary. Stu Richter suggested that we have a tribute to those people who contributed to the formation of IAFSM. Stu will investigate to trace back to who was on the original Board and Committees.

6.3 Joint Conference

Adjoining states would like to have a joint conference. The Board discussed this may be possible in 2012 when the conference returns upstate.

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. Loren Wobig seconded the motion and the motion carried.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Wickenkamp moved to adjourn the meeting of the IAFSM Board. Mike Cothard seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

The next IAFSM Board Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. (to end at 12:00 p.m.) on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at the Illinois Waterway Visitor Center, 950 N 27th Rd (Dee Bennett Road), Ottawa, Illinois.

Respectively submitted,

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