

International Erosion Control Association
Great Rivers Chapter
Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, March 12, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Tom Wells, Rebecca Kauten, Ron Poe, Dede Vest, J. B. Dixon, Brock Peters

Call to order: 9:03

Agenda Items

1. Secretary's Report – Minutes from January 8. Kauten moved to approve. Motion carried.
2. Treasurer's Report – No report due to Drake being absent from the call.
3. Committee Reports
 - a. **Spring Workshops (Kauten, Wells, Vest, Thieman)** –
 - i. Status Update – Budget was based on a \$2,000 cost estimation. Anticipation of 50. Call to be scheduled next week to confirm speakers and wrap up any other last minute details.
 - ii. Student Attendance/Discounts – Kauten to coordinate with Drake. Students will be allowed to attend at \$20 per person.
 - b. **Annual Conference 2010 – October 26-28, 2010** Dixon and Poe updated. Two days of speakers have been coordinated. Day three is still in the planning phase. A Nebraska training program and bioretention workshop (based on Omaha specs) will operate simultaneously. Maintenance training (similar to Mike Isensee's program) will be the afternoon session.
 - i. Location – Regency Marriott, Omaha
 - ii. Costs – City of Omaha is helping with speaker and indirect costs. A formal agreement has been signed by the city. Drake has approved the agreement on behalf of the Chapter.
 - iii. Russ Adsit has tentatively committed to attending as the keynote speaker Wednesday, October 27 at 1 p.m. Travel and lodging arrangements may need to be funded by IECA Great Rivers Chapter.

Wells left the call at 9:25 a.m.

Motion: Peters moved to approve the expenses for Russ Adsit as keynote speaker for the fall chapter annual conference. Vest seconded. Motion carried.

- c. **Newsletter** – Spring issue will drop next week. Next issue will be in June.
 - i. Board member profile:
 - ii. Sediment Stops Here:
 - iii. Researcher’s Corner:
 - iv. Advertising:
 - v. President’s Message: Wells
- d. **Website** – No new updates.
- e. **Membership** – EC10 meeting discussion. Poe attended the meeting in Dallas. Not a big turnout, but discussion focused on web content and assessing how other organizations recruit and retain.
- f. **Chapter Advisory Committee** – 1/27/10 meeting discussion. There was overlapping discussion from the membership committee, as was PDC meeting. All are focused on recruitment and retention. New board chair is taking an active role in coordination and is proving to be an asset to the organization.

Scholarships or reduced rates for student attendance at IECA events was discussed. Capacity was also a topic – looking beyond the two annual events for chapter activities. Locally-led social networking activities were suggested as ways to engage membership and partner with other groups.

- g. **Professional Certification** – Peters mentioned the EnviroCert discussion at EC10. The board is in the process of addressing relationship issues between the two organizations.
- h. **Governmental Relations** – Poe is the new chapter liaison. He attended the meeting at EC10. The group is working to re-invent itself. The committee chair presented to new members his vision for the group. They want to reach out to the chapters more and engage on this topic via the committee. The chapter is working to determine the role IECA plays with legislation and providing information to members. A lot of changes are likely to take place in the future. Poe will keep the group updated as things move forward.
- i. **Chapter Blog** – Conference and workshop information has been uploaded. Iowa flood of 2008 book edited by Connie Mutel is also posted.

- j. **Partners for Excellence** – With two newsletters and two events nearly completed already in 2010, Kauten believes we are well on our way to maintaining high scores for the P4E program.

- k. **Other Business**

- i. EC10 Chapter Meeting Wrap Up – Wells/Poe/Peters – Next year’s event is back in Orlando. 2012 is at the Rio in Las Vegas.

Dixon will send out a list of 18 topics with 8 priority items for Orlando that IECA is actively recruiting. The call for papers deadline is mid-May. 90 minute paper presentations are being reduced to 60 minutes.

- ii. Dubuque Iowa Spring Conference Sponsorship – Peters had very positive feedback for the group. The city/county/SWCD are interested in partnering for 2011 on the IECA spring workshop as a joint effort. The facility and accommodations are ideal for such an event. The city has \$4,000 to split 50/50 between erosion and sediment control and LID workshops and training. Peters suggests a March event if the board were to partner with Dubuque. With Great Lakes Chapter across the river, there may be an additional partner for this event.

Motion: Dixon moved to partner with the City of Dubuque for a March 2011 spring workshop. Vest seconded. Motion carries.

- iii. Upcoming Board Elections – Wells will be requested to send out an email to membership for nominations and board election information. Nominations are needed by the May 14th board meeting Expiring 2010 terms (Dixon, Baxter, Vest) need to let Wells know intentions as soon as possible and pro.
 - iv. WinSLAMM Training – Kauten mentioned the training course March 16 as the first of its kind in Iowa. She will provide feedback and update the group on how the event went. If it’s a success, this may be something for IECA to consider endorsing in some capacity in the future.

Motion: to adjourn at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Kauten, secretary