

International Erosion Control Association
Great Rivers Chapter
March 27, 2008 Conference Call Minutes

J.B. Dixon, Brooke Music, Tom Wells, Sara Drake, Ron Poe, Michael Thomas, and DeDe Vest were present for the call.

Secretary's Report:

The minutes from the January 29, 2008 meeting were approved

Treasurer's Report:

The current balance is \$21,552.65. There is nothing outstanding, other than what is needed for the Spring Workshops.

Review of Partners for Excellence Program

Tom recommended a survey be developed for attendees of conferences to complete. It was recommended that the survey be ready for the Spring Workshops. Tom will either find an existing survey to use through IECA or create one. The survey will be circulated amongst Board members prior to it being used at conferences.

Spring Workshop 2008

Wichita – The date has been moved to May 21 and will be held at the Best Western North. It is anticipated to be all indoors, approximately 9:00-3:30. Presentation ideas include:

- EPA Region 7 Lunch discussion
- Low Impact Development – City of Topeka's Green Initiatives
- Product Discussions

Omaha – The date has been moved to May 14 and is still being held at Mahoney State Park. No deposits were lost with the date change. It is anticipated that this workshop will be 0.5 days outside and 0.5 days inside. Presentation ideas include:

- Product showcases
- Stream restoration discussion
- Interested in focus toward individual lot construction
- Headcutting issues at the park for outdoor product demos

Annual Conference, Iowa City – October 28-30 at the Sheraton Inn. University of Iowa. Conference Services will offer registration by mail, phone, fax, and online. Currently looking for content.

- October 28 – CISEC course will be offered in conjunction with the conference. Possibly an IECA Trained class in LID based on Iowa Design Standards
- October 29 AM – CISEC exam will be offered

Newsletter

Winter/Spring issue is late getting out. Considering moving the May issue to June to ensure that four issues are published in 2008.

Website

Tom has numerous ideas for improving the website. Time is the primary limiting factor in implementing these.

Membership

National membership committee met at EC08. The primary discussion was a need for training for chapter leaders. Ron will be sending a letter to all chapter membership chairs encouraging chapter representation on the national membership committee.

Professional Certification

APWA is developing a certification program. Michael will inform the Board on APWA's progress. Nebraska Department of Roads has developed erosion and sediment control training and certification programs for their projects. Currently 475 engineers, contractors, roadway designers, municipal employees among others are registered for these courses.

Government Affairs

No report was given.

Other Business

Chapter Insurance – Tom has received quotes from State Farm. It was decided to wait on further discussion until Brock and J.B. receive additional quotes.

EC08 – At the Chapter Advisory Committee meeting, it was recommended to IECA that more leadership training opportunities be offered and that IECA do more to assist chapters in their needs. The Chapter meeting was a success with an excellent turn out. Food and beverage prices were higher than anticipated. It was recommended that these items be looked at more closely when planning for EC09.

The next conference call is scheduled for June 17, 2008 at 9:00am.