

## Georgia Chapter A&WMA Board Meeting

March 13, 2020

**Present:** Shanna Alexander, Shira Colsky, Steve Ellingson, Katy Lusky, Elisabeth Munsey, Kim Sanders, Ashley Ward

**Absent:** Charlie Denton, Joey Dean, Chris Hurst

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Kim Sanders called the meeting to order and outlined the Agenda for this Board meeting (attached).

Kim  
Sanders

### 2. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

The Meeting Minutes for February 14<sup>th</sup> were reviewed and amended by the Chair to include a report from Steve regarding the ALL4 conference call that was held to discuss potential conference collaboration.

Shanna  
Alexander

### 3. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Katy submitted the following report:

Katy  
Lusky

**Reporting Period:** Feb 15, 2020 – Mar 13, 2020

Current Wells Fargo Balance = \$12,879.38  
Current PayPal Balance = \$6,526.10

**Major Debits (WF & PP):**

\$190.32 - MemberClicks (Feb)  
\$30 – State of Georgia registration fee

**Major Credits (WF & PP):**

None

**Other Business:**

- Upcoming expense - A&WMA Board insurance coverage (\$175)

### 4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education/Scholarship:

Elisabeth  
Munsey

- Elisabeth reported that she still needs to put the timescale on the agreed upon scholarship plan discussed last meeting.
- Katy mentioned that it doesn't matter when the cardboard check is issued but questioned whether it would be too late to send out emails by May and give money in June.
- Steve suggested disbursing the scholarship check early in the Fall semester than at the conference in June since college students will need the money Sept/Oct for school-related expenses early in the semester. Steve further explained that if funds were disbursed in summer, the winner could be a recent graduate who is no longer enrolled at the college/university.
- Elisabeth stated that it would be difficult to get a good list of candidates if solicit for abstracts too early.
- Katy suggested sending the email in late Aug (24<sup>th</sup>) when students return to campus and then make selections in October.

- Shanna and Katy volunteered to help review and score the research abstracts.

Young Professionals:

- Ashley gave a report from the first scheduled A&WMA Southern Section YP conference call held in January and organized by Mississippi's YP Chair, Ryan, that was held to bring together all A&WMA Southern Section YPs (not well attended; only Ashley and Ryan participated). Ryan proposed setting up a YP dinner or another social event at the Annual Southern Conference in MS. Next call scheduled for April – shooting for quarterly calls.
- An attendee at the GAEP event last year reached out to Ashley to partner and sponsor another GAEP event at the Red Hare Brewery. He has booked the space and cleared two Thursdays to have this. He also has 2-3 sponsors lined up to help with future events.
- Ashley is thinking about shifting events around and doing a brewery social in April (16<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>) – finalize this weekend and get a flyer out as soon as possible pending COVID-19 pandemic update.

Ashley  
Ward

Membership:

- Steve requested a copy of the sign-up sheet requested from the ethylene oxide conference to recruit non-members. Shira agreed to send this out to the group.
- Steve welcomed different thoughts and processes to try to increase the membership
- Shanna suggested reviewing previous meeting minutes for a summary of ideas shared during those meetings.

Steve  
Ellingson

Brown Bag Coordinator:

- Shira reported that she had reached out to several folks to possibly present on solid waste or recycling --- included a lady from Coca Cola (no response received) and the Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM; \$200 fee for speaker to come to B&T, but no charge if held at their downtown location).
- Kim suggested reviewing the 2020 agenda for SWANApalooza for a list of potential speakers and topics.
- Shira discussed possibly changing the date considering the COVID-19 pandemic – Katy suggested that we keep the same date but make it a web-based presentation. Steve supported this idea since it has been done in the past (Eurofins presentation).
- Shira will keep the Board updated on the Waste presenter status and it was agreed to push the date back to May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Kim had previously suggested hosting a brown bag on the federal air regulation rollbacks and the approval process being shortened – Katy indicated that she may have a speaker at EPA to present on this topic.

Shira  
Colsky

Database/Web Chair:

- Steve reported issues with logging into MemberClicks / unable to register
- Katy volunteered to set-up the Spring Reg conference herself in MemberClicks so that Chris doesn't have to do it and will see if she can identify the registration issue reported by Steve.
- Katy is still planning to provide her self-prepared tutorial notes to interested Board Members

Kim  
Sanders  
(for  
Charlie  
Denton)

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- Some members of the Board (Steve, Kim, Katy, Shanna, Charlie) met following the Ethylene Oxide brown bag seminar to discuss and assign tasks necessary to complete the 2019 A&WMA Annual Report (due date Mar 31<sup>st</sup>).
- Shanna presented the Board with items still outstanding and established a date for these items (Mar 18<sup>th</sup>).
- The Board took a vote on the date for the Spring Reg Conference. Based on conference room availability and preference for higher attendance by speakers and attendees, Mon. June 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> and Fri. June 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> were proposed. The majority voted for Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> with preference for the 15<sup>th</sup> due to the pandemic.
- Katy volunteered to assist with the light food and refreshments (cafeteria for lunch). [The group will assist with lining up speakers and registrations on-line.]
- Kim announced that she will be proudly representing and accepting the award on behalf of the Southern Section.

All  
Members

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Steve presented information from the call with ALL4 regarding the mutual sponsorship of regulatory conferences. A discussion of what benefits and challenges may come as a result of this potential collaboration was held among the Board members.
- Steve noted that there are some informational gaps surrounding the structure (e.g., how money gets transferred), and it's not quite clear how AWMA would benefit from such collaboration.
- Kim pointed out that while AWMA is known nationally, ALL4 is less known. It was further suggested that the Board gather more information and possibly consider collaboration in the future.
- Steve stated that he will send an email to ALL4 (Chuck Doyno and Robert Balaban) notifying them that the Board is still evaluating the proposed collaboration but will provide an update shortly.

All  
Members

**7. NEXT MEETING:**

**April 10, 2020** by Skype/Conference Call – 10:00 am Eastern (Meeting Adjourned 11:10 AM)

