

## Georgia Chapter A&WMA Board Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2021

**Present:** Shanna Alexander, Charlie Denton, Jamie Lancaster, Katy Lusky, Elisabeth Munsey, Kim Sanders, Matt Talbert, Ashley Ward

**Absent:** Hannah Behar, Brett Owen, Shira Colsky, Joey Dean, Steve Ellingson, Tom Wurzinger

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Kim Sanders  
Chair Kim Sanders called the meeting to order and outlined the Agenda for this Board meeting (attached).

**2. SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Shanna Alexander  
The Meeting Minutes for July 9<sup>th</sup> were approved for posting to the website. Shanna announced that the SS Board accepted the SS Program Committee's proposal to transition from monthly to quarterly electronic newsletters.

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT:** Katy Lusky

Katy submitted the following report:

**Reporting Period:** July 10 – Aug 13, 2021

Current Wells Fargo Balance = \$12,105.04

Current PayPal Balance = \$5,412.15

Total Assets = **\$17,517.19**

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

\$197.21 – MemberClicks (July)

\$16.95 – MemberClicks Services (July)

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

\$2,100.00 – Regulatory Conference revenue

\$882 – SS AWMA reimbursement from National Dues (2019 and 2020)

**Other Business:**

One registrant has not yet submitted their payment of \$75 for attendance at the virtual reg conference. Katy will send another email reminder and copy Charlie and Steve.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Education/Scholarship:

- Elisabeth informed the group that the call for student abstracts will occur at the end of August. Elisabeth and Jamie will begin compiling student names for the request for abstracts. Volunteers will be needed from the group to assist with reviewing and scoring the abstracts according to the spreadsheet Steve

Elisabeth  
Munsey

had set up the previous year. Shanna, Katy, and Matt volunteered to assist with abstract reviews.

Young Professionals:

- The brewery event took place on August 5<sup>th</sup>. Eight attendees participated (including Ashley and Matt). Three of the attendees were non-members and two had not participated in A&WMA previously. Ashley Ward/Matt Talbert
- A questionnaire was shared with the attendees for feedback on continuation of the career-focused webinars and preference for lunch versus after office hour events. Of the four YPs surveyed, all showed an interest in continuing the career/professional enhancement webinars. Matt/Ashley are also planning on broadening the survey pool by sending out a survey monkey to all YPs via email.
- Shanna suggested continuing plans for the YP hike. Ashley confirmed that the hike is still being considered for the Fall.
- Matt announced that Amelia Grant (EIC, Alpharetta, GA) had been confirmed as the new SS YP Chair. Amelia recently joined the GA Chapter.
- Matt/Ashley have started reaching out to KSU, GT, GSU, and UGA engineering personnel and corporate office correspondents regarding student interest but have not yet received a response.
- Shanna suggested reaching out directly to student environmental groups and departments. Elisabeth agreed that greater traction is usually seen when reaching out directly to the Heads of the Engineering and Environmental Schools/Departments.
- Charlie asked how YPs who are not members are able to find out about YP social events. Ashley mentioned that the YP distribution list includes some members who are not YPs and that these professionals would typically share the flyers with YPs in their offices.

Brown Bag:

- The next brown bag is scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The speaker will be Dr. Obeng-Gyasi from North Carolina A&T University. He will present on the use of machine learning to assess community soil impacts from lead. To help promote the brown bag, Kim will circulate the speaker's bio to the group to go along with the flyer for sharing with others.

Shira Colsky  
(N/A)

Membership:

- No update

Steve Ellingson  
(N/A)

Database/Website:

- Stantec logo (Gold Sponsor) needed for the website. Other sponsors will also be added to the bottom of the webpage.

Charlie Denton

- Katy removed the virtual reg conference “Save the Date” info from the website and will replace this with a special thank you note to our sponsors. Katy reported that 46 attendees had registered and 42 attended the reg conference.
- The group agreed to not post the conference video recording on the website. Instead, Matt will send an email to the conference attendees asking if they would like to receive a video recording of the conference. Some attendees may have been unable to attend all sessions.
- The website calendar and the Brown Bag web link require updating.

Newsletter/Publication:

- Hannah and Brett are working on publishing a 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter issue of the electronic newsletter.
- Kim mentioned adding the scholarship info to the newsletter to promote it and the addition of Jamie to the Scholarship Committee.

Hannah  
Behar/Brett  
Owen (NA)

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

- A debrief of the virtual conference was held and feedback issued on how to continue to build and improve upon future GA Chapter regulatory conferences. Shanna suggested that we keep the individual committee presentations as part of the conference kick-off, but that we also incorporate fun pictures/graphics that highlight the successes from these committees and provide incentives for becoming an active committee member or a new Chapter member. Matt reported that the technology went smoothly and as planned. Kim, Charlie, and Katy agreed that the Chair/Vice Chair alternation worked well, and the transition was smooth.
- SS Carla Brown reached out to both Kim and Katy regarding potential speakers. Katy announced that she may have to present virtually on Air policy updates. Most members of the group reported issues gaining travel approval from their respective employers to attend the SS conference in Biloxi, MS. Currently, no state mandates or guidelines are in effect in MS to prevent the in-person conference from taking place, but the number of registrants may drive the decision on whether to postpone the conference.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Kim provided a brief background for the newly appointed Southern Section YP Chair (Amelia Grant, EIC, Alpharetta, GA)

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**NEXT MEETING:**

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**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021** via Zoom video conferencing – 10:00am Eastern

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**Agenda**  
**A&WMA GA Chapter - Executive Board Meeting**  
**August 13, 2021; 10:00 a.m. Eastern**  
**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85987012800?pwd=Qk9R1dQYmNhb2NOQm5UWEZVZ1drQT09>

**Meeting ID:** 859 8701 2800, **Passcode:** 716446#

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<b>1.</b>	<b>CALL to ORDER:</b>	Kim Sanders
<b>2.</b>	<b>SECRETARY'S REPORT:</b> Approve July 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, post to website.	Shanna Alexander
<b>3.</b>	<b>TREASURER'S REPORT:</b> Current balances Upcoming expenses	Katy Lusky
<b>4.</b>	<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS:</b>	
	<u>Scholarship</u> Status update	Elisabeth Munsey/ Jamie Lancaster
	<u>Young Professionals</u> Status update	Ashley Ward/Matt Talbert
	<u>Brown Bag/Program</u> Upcoming and future brown bag events	Shira Colsky
	<u>Membership</u> Membership update report	Steve Ellingson
	<u>Database/Website</u> Status update	Charlie Denton
	<u>Newsletter/Publications</u> Status update	Hannah Behar/Brett Owen
<b>5.</b>	<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
	Virtual Regulatory Conference Debrief	
<b>6.</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
	New Southern Section YP Chair – Amelia Grant (EIC) Southern Section Conference Update	
<b>7.</b>	<b>NEXT MEETING</b>	September 10, 2021 - 10:00 am EST
<b>8.</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>	