

# Alabama Water Resource Association

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## Minutes of Meeting

Executive Committee Meeting

Date: January 12, 2011

Location: CH2M HILL – Montgomery, Alabama

**Attendees:** Ashley McVicar (by phone), Stan Cook, Sabra Sutton, George Marodis, Todd Boatman, Mike Kensler

- **Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting**
  - Motion was made and Minutes were approved
  
- **Treasurer's Report**
  - We started 2010 with \$8,398.11 and ended the year with \$9,681.68.
  - There are still some outstanding sponsor contributions due. We decided to let them go for 2010 and try to start earlier in the year to obtain our sponsorships.
  - Gift Baskets were \$172.50 for conference speakers and our group was asked by Dennis to pay for them. We will be reimbursed from 2011 conference proceeds.
  - Wells Fargo is charging us \$2 / month for photo copies of checks. Stan and George will look into a different type of account.
  - Auburn took the afternoon break out of the Symposium proceeds (for the 1<sup>st</sup> time).
  
- **2010 Conference Recap**
  - Received many positive comments.
  - Conference was well attended.
  - Comments included needing to pay by credit card or by Paypal; Start a facebook page; Book Flora Bama again; and Start music later or have no music.
  
- **Old Business**
  - **PayPal set up** – Auburn University can now accept credit cards
  - **National meeting update** – Sabra Sutton attended the National meeting in Philadelphia. The State Section meeting on the first day was not well attended. The

AWRA President is looking to get more people active in the National organization and considering making national membership a requirement. Florida hosted the national conference after Katrina, although it was actually held in New Orleans. This year's conference will be held in Albuquerque, NM. Other items discussed were term limits, periodic conference calls with National, and possibility of paying for Board members to become National members.

- **Liability insurance / 501(c)(3) status** - Sabra reported that there was discussions at the National Conference on providing an umbrella for liability insurance and discussion of non-profit status
- **Website** - Sabra will make sure the National link is posted on our website. General discussion on add a "Jobs Wanted" section or links, and about info tracking databases and "Wild Apricot"
- **2011 Symposium Planning**
  - **Overall Theme** - Potential theme discussions centered around Drought Management...
  - **Potential Speakers** - Included Representative Greg Canfield, Ex Senator Benefield...
  - **Sponsorships** - Ashley will talk to John Morris about sponsorships and tweaking the letters to the sponsors. She will also get the contact list from John.
  - **Coordination with Conference Committee** - Todd and Sabra will attend the next conference planning committee meeting and will update them on the Symposium Theme.
  - **Student Housing Coordination** - Mike will get with Milt about organization for this year
- **Review of Assignments/Action Items**
  - Stan/George - Look into appropriate bank account for AL Section
  - George - Obtain contact and look into how many Credit Hours are available for the water utility employees.
  - Sabra/George - Make sure National link is correct on AL section website
  - Ashley - Look into National dues and board member reimbursement
- **Next meeting set for March 30<sup>th</sup> 10am at the CH2MHill office in Montgomery.**
- **Meeting Adjourned**