

# Alabama Section of the American Water Resources Association

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Friday, June 8, 2012

**Location:** Go-to-meeting/Conference call

**Members Present:** George Marodis, Amanda Fleming, Todd Boatman, Sam Fowler; John Morris

Minutes of the March 2012 meeting were approved.

Financial Report - Todd gave a verbal financial report. Only activity since last report was filing fee checks written to IRS for non-profit status.

Sponsorship status – John Morris reported that he would be contacting all of the prior sponsors. There was brief discussion about adding new sponsors. John will check with the Poarch Creek Indians and possibly others about possible sponsorship.

Seafood Social – John Morris gave a brief report. The agreement with the Flora-Bama continues. Menu will be as before. Expected cost will be ~ \$4,800.00. Anticipated revenues based on prior years will probably be ~ \$7K. There was discussion about entertainment, and the consensus was not to hire a band but to use a CD player or something similar for music.

Student Awards – It was agreed to wait until we hear from IRS regarding the 501(c)3 status before making a decision about paying for student awards with a check during the conference.

Student Housing – Sam Fowler agreed to handle the student housing for 2012 following guidance Mike Kensler about the way it was done by in 2011. Based on written input and subsequent discussion with Mike, Sam will reserve 8 double rooms for 2 nights, and hold 4 for females and 4 for males. He will reserve the rooms using a personal credit card and will get a check from the Section treasurer to pay for the rooms at check-out time.

Nomination of new members – Ken Odom was recommended as the new member of the Board to come on as membership chair. There was consensus on this.

Symposium status - Stan Cook provided written input that he is confirming the speakers and getting titles to their presentations. The title for the Symposium will be “Alabama’s Water in the Balance”. There will be a panel discussion and Bennett Bearden will run the session with brief intro remarks from George and Stan. Bennett will be introduced and do his presentation. He will introduce the speakers and mc the panel discussion.

The key dates for the symposium/conference planning are as follow:

July 02: Oral abstracts for conference submission deadline

July 17: abstract selection meeting at OWR office

July 23: presenters notified

July 30: presenters confirmed

Aug 01: program sponsors list and symposium agenda/speaker list due

Aug 06-10: program to be reviewed by Committee

Aug 15: program sent to printer (Aug 16 for 2011)

501(c)(3) status – Ashley provided written input that the status on the IRS 501c3 status is the same. The application paperwork and a check for the filing fee have been sent, and as far as she knows we have not received any information from the IRS.

Ballot for 2012 election – Need to bring 250 ballots for election at business meeting. See attached.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Thursday, July 26, 2012, 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM Central Time via go-to-meeting/conference call.

The meeting was adjourned.

Nominations for the 2012 Executive Committee for the Alabama Chapter of the American Water Resources Association

\_\_\_\_\_ President: Stan Cook, AL Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

\_\_\_\_\_ Write-in Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ President-Elect: Todd Boatman, US Army Corps of Engineers

\_\_\_\_\_ Write-in Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer: Sam Fowler, Auburn University

\_\_\_\_\_ Write-in Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary: Amanda Fleming, Kleinschmidt Energy & Water Resource Consultants

\_\_\_\_\_ Write-in Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Chair: Kenneth Odom, Alabama Power

\_\_\_\_\_ Write-in Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark your ballot with an "X" or a check mark and return your ballot to the conference registration desk before the AWRA business meeting Thursday evening. Thank you!