

**AWMA Coastal Plains Chapter Meeting
February 17, 2004**

Meeting Location: Gulf Power Company Office

Members Present: Cynthia Arnold, Dennis Mitchell, Dwain Waters, Carol Melton, Klaus Meyer-Arendt, Bruce McLeod, LA Cich, Richard Lee, and John Meade

First Agenda Item: Call to Order (D. Mitchell)

Dennis Mitchell called the meeting to order @ 11:45.

Second Agenda Item: Treasurer's Report (D. Waters)

The Chapter has 10107.53 in its account. Several expenditures were made in January to pay for the January "Pizza" Meeting.

Third Agenda Item: Old Business (Board)

Bylaws

The Chapter needs to conduct a Bylaw Review by 4/1/04. J. Meade will email the existing bylaws to D. Mitchell and he will solicit a volunteer to review the current edition.

Chapter Meetings

D. Waters suggested "Franco's Restaurant" as a possible site for future Chapter Meetings. They have a private banquet room. C. Arnold suggested that we maintain a consistent frequency for meetings so that members would know when to expect them.

Wednesday, March 24, 2004, was suggested as the date for the next meeting. Dennis requested the Board email him suggestions regarding a possible speaker this week. Dwain will contact Franco's about availability. Cynthia asked Dwain to ensure that the restaurant will take separate checks. If not, the Chapter will need to charge members a certain price.

Fourth Agenda Item: New Business (Board)

Chapter Secretary

Lisa Ann Cich will FINALLY be relieved of her secretarial duties. Dennis Mitchell nominated Bruce McLeod as the new Secretary. LA Cich second. Bruce was unanimously elected. Congratulations!

D. Mitchell delegated the preparation of the Annual Report to LA Cich. The report is due 3/31/04. C. Arnold offered to help. D. Waters will complete all of our Regulatory reports.

UWF Orientation / Activity Fair

D. Waters suggested the Chapter host a table at the UWF Orientation / Activity Fair. D. Mitchell offered to help, as well. Klaus offered to let the Chapter know when the next Orientation will be held.

UWF Graduate Program

Klaus informed the Chapter that UWF is developing a graduate program in Environmental Science. He suggested that we review our scholarship criteria. D. Mitchell noted that the International Chapter has a lot of graduate scholarships available.

May 14, 2004 Technical Conference

The format for the meeting will remain the same. It has been successful for the last 14 years.

Conference Pricing

Early registration has been \$35 (member) / \$45 (non-member) and \$50 (member) / \$65 (non-member) at the door. D. Mitchell suggested that we not charge speakers, anymore. J. Meade stated that the conference pricing can be confusing at the door. He suggested that we have sign(s) posted at the registration table explaining the pricing.

Potential Topics

- • Dennis would like to poll the membership on topics of interest. He asked J. Meade to draft a list of potential topics.
- • Nixon & Peabody (law firm in DC) asked if they could speak at our conference. They deal primarily with the Utility industry. They offered to speak on New Source Review and Cooling Tower issues.
- • Cynthia suggested we have a regulatory roundtable this year (FL & AL) made up of 4 (or more) regulators representing a cross-section of media (RCRA, Air, Water, etc.). Cynthia volunteered to contact the AL Chapter about their interest this year on the roundtable and/or other topics.
- • Bruce suggested someone discuss DEP feedback on Title V Permit Renewals
- • Cynthia suggested that we invite Jonathan Holthom to speak about CAM plans
- • Dennis has secured Joe Martone, International President of AWMA to speak. He may be the keynote speaker or another primary speaker.

D. Mitchell inquired on whether there is anything the Chapter can do to help out Gulf Power in setting up the meeting. Dwain said that the beverages will need to be picked up on Thursday since he will be traveling. Cynthia offered to email Dennis the conference task list used last year. Bruce offered to organize the hospitality hour this year at Damon's.

Florida 2004 Sectional Conference

Our Chapter is the host chapter for the Annual Conference at the Coronado Springs Hotel in Walt Disney World. The conference will be held September 12, 2004 through September 14, 2004. Dennis Mitchell will co-chair the conference with Karen Mort.

Dennis will chair the Technical Program. He has already set-up personnel to chair the exhibits and the site logistics. If anyone has any ideas regarding how the technical presentations should be put together so that attendees can listen to a variety, let Dennis know. Dennis expects the Board to help review the abstracts and select the Technical programs. All abstracts should be reviewed and selected by the end of June. Cynthia suggested that we contact Edith (?) to speak at the state conference. Dennis has already secured to Joe Martone to speak.

Dwain attended the conference last year and really enjoyed the student posters. He suggested that the students / posters get some recognition. He also suggested that the entire Board attend the conference, even if the Chapter pays for a part of it.

The Board suggested that we have the new FDEP Secretary speak as the keynote speaker. Other suggested topics included: arsenic, mercury, and “heavy metals”. (Note... All meeting “decorum” was lost at this point as visions of an MTV-inspired Technical Conference was discussed)

A general criteria will need to be developed to review the technical abstracts. Email Dennis by 2/20/04 with any ideas on how the papers should be reviewed. We will have at least two people review each paper. Suggestions were made to divide the papers up by media and have individuals review papers on the same single topic.

Other conference issues – student program, logistics, entertainment, etc -- will be coordinated by others. Contact Dennis if interested in helping on other parts of the conference.

A suggestion was made to have Mary Jean Yons speak about Port St. Joe Development and/or the Greenshores Project at the Orlando and/or May Technical conferences. A suggestion was made to have a boat tour of Greenshores on the afternoon before our May Technical Meeting. Dwain suggested that we include an RSVP on the conference registration regarding the Greenshores tour.

Action Items

- • LA Cich to complete Annual Report for submission by 3/31/04.
- • D. Waters to complete annual regulatory reports
- • D. Waters to contact Franco’s Restaurant about availability and logistics for March Chapter Meeting
- • J. Meade to poll member ship on potential topics for May Technical Conference
- • C. Arnold to contact AL chapter about potential topics / speakers for May Technical Conference
- • B. McLeod to set-up hospitality hour for May Technical Conference at Damon’s
- Board to email D. Mitchell ideas regarding the criteria for reviewing technical papers for the Florida Sectional Meeting by 2/20/04
- • Board to continue to develop a list of potential speakers for the May Technical Conference. Email ideas to D. Mitchell.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:10.

Minutes prepared by:

Lisa Ann Cich