FAEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 5, 2011

12:00 – 1:00 EST

Conference Call

**In attendance:**

Erik Neugaard

Erin Kane

Paul Bowers

Jeff Marcus

Mary Gutierrez

Bruce Hasbrouck

Matt Miller

Alexis Preisser

Elva Peppers

Kathy Hale

Arnaud Roux

1. **Approve Minutes**

June minutes- Motion to approve-Bruce Hasbrouck

Second to approve by Mary Gutierrez

All aye

1. **President’s Report**

See new business

1. **Vice President’s Report**

No report

1. **Treasurer’s Report** (by Erik)

$7,110.10 in checking acct

Bruce reported that he and Victoria will be researching to find a better rate for the Money Market acct. and will return next month with a recommendation.

1. **Secretary’s Report**

No report

1. **Association Administrator’s Report**

787 current FAEP members

35 Memberships processed in July,

108 renewal notices sent out

148 NAEP members

1. **Chapter Reports**

* **John Lesman – CN**

The chapter is advertising for FAEP conference and they have distributed the save the date flyer. The chapter will be launching their new website during the next 2 weeks.

* **Ed Currie – NE**

Not present.

* Mary Gutierrez – NW

No July reg. meeting, but an evening social and had a good turnout. Raising funds for scholarship. Upcoming August meeting-see FAEP meeting notice.

They are partnering with APA on some webinars, dates are Aug 11 & 18 and they will be hosting them at the Regional Planning Council.

* **Jeff Marcus** – SO

$16,000 balance, paid for SFAEP's conference location at FIU, there will be 4 panels with Attorneys and regulators about regulations changes. They have an upcoming event on Sept. 16th; a representative of the Florida Keys Sanctuary giving talks to members and diving weekend. The chapter is trying to increase membership from the Keys.

* **Matt Miller** – SW

Fossil hunt occurred and had a good turnout, 10-15 people. First northern region meeting occurred in June in Sarasota-good turnout, 20-25 people. Another upcoming networking event in downtown Sarasota in a couple of weeks. Tasha Bowers will be on the BOD and doing a newsletter. Hoping to get more people involved in Sarasota. Annual Seminars have not been very successful and they will be revamping these activities to get more success.

* **Paul Bowers** – TB

Two activities occurred in July: 28th social event and 13th lunch meeting.  Lunch meeting speaker was Diane Pickett from FDEP on LSSI (65 attendance), more remediation types than usual attended this luncheon event.  Aug 17th there will be a lunch meeting, with a speaker from Arcadis, talking about Rising Tides in San Francisco Bay and the applicability to Tampa Bay.  Aug. 25th social networking event at Whiskey Joe’s.  Sept 17th International Coastal Cleanup event at Al Lopez Park in Tampa.  Sept. 21st lunch meeting with a presentation on doing business with the new FDEP

* **Arnaud Roux** – TC

In June, the chapter had training with 25 people attending. July meeting was postponed. Aug. meeting planned for downtown Stewart. Annual conference keynote speaker confirmed from West Palm Beach Louis Frankel they have 5-6 sponsors. Arnoud will provide a $500 request to FAEP for conference funds. 5-6 people have rsvpd for the Annual FAEP Conference.

* **Elva Peppers – TL**

Tallahassee chapter had a social in July-15 in attendance with some new faces. Aug. meeting is next Wed. they are having a luncheon, Erik Schneider, Cleaning oiled Marshlands. Also Julie Wraithmell, Florida Audubon speaking about Nesting shorebird protection. The chapter is up to 54 members, and started with 15 in April. Free membership period ended June 30.

New Tallahassee BOD has been elected:

President- Elva Peppers

VP –Bill Torres

Secretary- Sheri Lewin

Treasurer- David Dickson

Director of Student Affairs-Ryan Mitchell (also to help with web design)

Director of Membership- Timothy Riley

Director of Communications & Website- Caitlin Elam

**VII. Old Business**

* 2011 FAEP Annual Conference

Erik requested all chapters circulate the conference flyer to their members. Discussion about circulating the information to everyone in the state. Elva requested more detailed information to be dispersed to the chapters for announcement at meetings. Arnaud will provide more information to the local chapters, including: Registration, Agenda

Erik will try to organize the Oct. BOD meeting at the conference.

* 2014 NAEP Annual Conference

Bruce-Draft proposal submitted to TBAEP 2014 Conference committee, that will be reviewed by the TBAEP Board at their August 14th retreat. If approved, it will be presented to the FAEP BOD.

* Tax filings-

Elva discussed the need for Tallahassee tax filing and asked about the status of this Old Business item. Bruce is preparing a proposal for the BOD to have this activity centralized. Elva suggested a spreadsheet be provided to the chapters on the information that needs to be provided to achieve this task making it easier for chapters to continue to do filings.

* Free memberships to speakers at meetings and annual conference

Erik-Committee has not brought a recommendation to the BOD.

* Erik-Is the finalized version of bylaws on website? Bruce reported that he hasn't found out if NAEP had this item on their agenda for their June meeting and if it was approved. Erik will ask Paul Looney if NAEP did approve the FAEP bylaw changes so that the website can be updated.
* NE chapter Mary:, NE chapter wants to know if they use the State or their own EIN number. Erik stated that the NE Chapter uses the FAEP EIN number.

1. **New Business**

* FSU and UF Student Organizations

Erik is working on this effort and contacting individuals to move this effort forward.

* Gainesville Area Local Chapter

Discussion has continued to adjust local chapter boundaries so that a Gainesville chapter can be created. Erik will spearhead the effort.

Motion to establish a Gainesville chapter-Mary Gutierrez

Second-Matt Miller

All aye

* Mary discussed that the NW Chapter will be working on establishing a student chapter (UWF and others) in their area with a number of schools.

1. **Upcoming Meetings**

* September 2nd BOD Meeting
* September 23rd FAEP Annual Conference (Erik will work on determining if the Oct. BOD meeting can occur at this event).
* October 7th BOD Meeting

1. **Adjournment at 12:58**