**FAEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**4 February 2011**

**12:00 – 1:00 EST**

**Conference Call**

**In attendance:**

**Erik** **Neugaard** **Ed Currie**

**John Lesman** **Matt Miller**

**Kristin Bennet** **Alex Preisser**

**Bruce Hasbrouck** **Erin Kane**

**Courtney Arena Paul Looney**

**Paul** **Bowers Kathy Hale**

**Elva Peppers Teri Hasbrouck**

**I. Approve January 2011 Minutes**

January minutes-Motion to approve Bruce, Second by Kristin Bennett.

All aye

**II. President’s Report**

* Erik is still working to get the TL chapter re-launched. Elva has worked on their website. Erik may be the blockage and would like someone to volunteer to take the lead.
* Erik met with 3 professors from NSU and they are interested in establishing a student chapter. He has also contacted FIU to see if they want to have a student chapter. He is struggling with this effort and would appreciate someone sharing their experience. He believes that each chapter should be a pre-professional organization, and named like other similar organizations on campus.
* Bruce provided some information about the Tampa Bay area universities and how those chapters got going. Bruce emphasized that the students have more buy-in when they come up with their own name.
* Erik’s experience so far is that these two colleges do not have environmental activist organizations.
* Kristin says that she encourages student chapters but it is very difficult to accomplish because of the inherent turnover. She has found that tying in with organizations that already exist are easier to get going.
* Erik has been acting on the part of SFAEP. He is also interested in a student chapter at Gainesville. Courtney Arena offered to help Erik with the effort along with her husband who is a faculty member at NSU.
* Teri & Bruce offered to discuss starting a student chapter offline and sharing their experiences.
* Paul Looney provided a student chapter list to Erik via email yesterday. Brock Hoegh will be the NAEP Student Chapter Chairperson.

**III. Vice President’s Report**

Kristin Bennett – no report

**IV. Treasurer’s Report**

$11,875.79 checking account balance. Vanguard has received the last signature page for the investment account.

**V. Secretary’s Report**

Erik reported the new Board members:

Erik Neugaard-President

Kristin Bennett-Vice President

Joel Thompson- Secretary (for 6 months)

Victoria Colangelo –Treasurer

Bruce Hasbrouck – Past President

Paul Looney – NAEP Representative

John Lesman – Central Chapter

Ed Currie – Northeast Chapter

Mary Gutierrez – Northwest Chapter

Jeff Marcus – South Chapter

Matt Miller – Southwest Chapter

Elva Peppers – Tallahassee Chapter

Greg Page – Tampa Bay Chapter

Courtney Arena – Treasure Coast Chapter

Kathy Hale –At Large Member

Erin Kane – At Large Member

Joel Thomson – At Large Member

Alexis Preisser – At Large Member

Motion to accept the Board and officers Bruce, Second by Alexis

All aye

**VI. Association Administrator’s Report**

740 FAEP members; 62 new and renewing in January, (19 new, 43 renewed); 150 NAEP members.

Memberclicks has notified FAEP that the system migration will occur in February.

Erik Neugaard asked about the service provided by Memberclicks. Teri offered that the service is very good.

**VII. Chapter Reports**

* John Lesman – CN

Next meeting March 17. There will also be a meeting in April. In May, Jim Yawn from Disney Imagineering will present on CEP certification. Networking social will be on Feb. 24th.

* Ed Currie – NE

Jan meeting was 2011 TSCA Inventory Update Reporting. February 10th City of Jacksonville project. In March there will be an ACOE rep speaking on invasive species and management and control.

* Mary Gutierrez – NW

No report

* Erik Neugaard – SO

Presentation coming up in Miami on sustainability in the Western hemisphere. Last month, we had an event in Monroe county and are trying to establish a sub chapter there. About 40 people attended the happy hour there.

* Matt Miller – SW

There will be a BOD meeting later today. Feb. 25th there is a meeting about Forensic Botany: Plants and Crime. The March meeting will be on the 15th. We are coordinating with Florida Gulf Coast to establish a student chapter. We are working on an April spring seminar in Punta Gordo.

* Paul Bowers – TB

Our membership is at 228. 125 attended happy hour on Feb. 3rd at Tampa Bay Brewing Co. Feb 16th is the next meeting on 2011 Legislative Session Overview & Environmental Issues. March 16th will be the next meeting after that about "Regulations You Should Know Concerning Asbestos". At the last BOD meeting there was discussion about 2014 NAEP conference.

* Courtney Arena - TC

Feb. 23rd meeting is about native orchid restoration project within Jonathan Dickinson State Park. The speaker is Rob Rossmanith, Jonathan Dickinson State Park Biologist. Cost: Free for members and students. $5 for nonmembers. Lunch is sponsored by Aquatic Plant Management. We anticipate the meeting will be at the SFWMD Martin/St. Lucie Center, but we are waiting on approval to use the room.

At our January member meeting Dr. Paul Arena discussed the Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP), and NSU (Nova Southeastern University) sponsored the networking event. We had 35 people in attendance, nine of which were NSU students and alumni. Annual conference location discussed for the 2011 FAEP state conference, possibly downtown West Palm. No theme selected yet.

* Elva Peppers – TL

The chapter is getting started again and working on coordination. Elva has spoken to agency employees and they are enthusiastic. Mike Dentzau sent a box of chapter items, including check book, to Erik that he will send to Elva. There is a planning meeting on Feb 16th for the upcoming AWRA meeting on March 18th (11-4:30). FAEP will have a table for membership information and items. Kristin is involved with planning the event. Erik asked Kristin to represent FAEP and she accepted.

**VIII. Old Business**

* + 2011 Election Results
* Website update
* Bylaws Revisions

Latest revisions were sent out to the Board. Bruce will resend to the Board and give the Board 2 weeks to respond. Once edits are returned, the membership will be notified.

* Insurance Coverage

Erik sent an email to Tim Bowers that FAEP is requesting coverage through NAEP. Bruce stated that FAEP and chapters currently have insurance until the NAEP insurance is finalized.

* 2011 FAEP Annual Conference (see above TC report-they are looking for sponsorships)

Bruce suggested that each chapter be asked to find a sponsor.

* 2014 NAEP Annual Conference

Discussion about hosting the 2014 conference, and having the FAEP Annual Conference at the same time. Bruce has agreed to be the NAEP 2014 conference chair. Discussion about proposals from local chapters to host the state conference.

* Complimentary FAEP Memberships

 Erik will communicate via email in this issue.

**IX. New Business**

* AWRA Conference
* NSU Student Organization-Kristin mentioned AWRA chapters are at some of the campuses discussed.
* Scientific Diving Workshop-Erik will send out an email
* Texas – State Representation Question.

Bruce moved to recommend the acceptance of an Austin Chapter within NAEP with the understanding that there will be an eventual Texas chapter that has regional chapters in it.

 Kristin seconded the motion.

 Discussion ensued.

Bruce amends his motion: FAEP is willing to support this action and we encourage the formation of a single Texas chapter prior to the renewal of the NAEP affiliation agreement in 2016.

Kristin seconded the motion.

All aye (Present: Paul Looney, Kristin Bennett, Paul Bowers, Erin Kane, Ed Currie, Erik Neugaard, Bruce Hasbrouck, John Lesman)

The resolution will be presented to NAEP through the Executive Committee and presented to the NAEP BOD in April for action.

**X. Upcoming Meetings**

* March 4th BOD Meeting
* April 1st BOD Meeting
* May 6th BOD Meeting
* June 3rd BOD Meeting

**XII. Adjournment** at 1:31PM