FAEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2011

12:05 – 12:55 EST

Conference Call

Attends:

Erik Neugaard, President

Kristin Bennett, VP

Victoria Colangelo, Treas.

Paul Looney, NAEP Rep

Bruce Hasbrouck, Past President

Matt Miller

John Lesman

Krista Sabin

Erin Kane

I. Approve Minutes

Motion to approve February 2011 minutes was made by Kristin Bennett, seconded by Paul Looney, and unanimously approved by the Board.

II. President’s Report

Erik reported that he had been working with Nova Southeastern University to establish a student chapter there. They will be hosting SFAEP’s monthly meeting for March and he is excited about the interest being generated.

The work on the Tallahassee chapter is progressing. There is a Board meeting later in March and the joint AWRA/FAEP meeting in should provide good exposure for the new chapter.

III. Vice President’s Report

Kristin has been busy with the joint AWRA/FAEP meeting. The cost is just $50 for members and AWRA has agreed to the same rate for FAEP members. That also includes lunch. Another email will be sent to the FAEP membership reminding them about the event. She will have 10 to 15 minutes to promote FAEP during the event.

IV. Treasurer’s Report

Victoria reported that FAEP has $11,454 in the checking account.

V. Secretary’s Report

No Report

VI. Association Administrator’s Report

Bruce reported for Teri that we have 723 total current members. During the month of February there were 61 new and renewing members. There are 146 NAEP members currently in FAEP.

We have received a few phone calls recently with help needed for renewals, etc. as well as inquiries from hotels wanting to host our next conference. Numerous emails were responded to during the month.

The February financials will be processed soon and provided via email to the Board Members for review and comment.

The next newsletter will be early April.

VII. Chapter Reports

CN - John Lesman -Their January meeting covered Airport environmental issues. The March meeting will be the 17th at SFWMD and will discuss the Kissimmee River restoration project. April will be a social networking event. Elections are coming up soon and they are notifying the membership to solicit nominations.

NE – no report

NW – no report

SO – Jeff Marcus – They had a BOD retreat on February 12th to develop committees, strategies for the coming years, discussed their website, and to identify speakers for upcoming meetings. They planned for their annual meeting in November that will address south Florida regional challenges. The BOD talked about teacher/student alliances to help strengthen the chapter, fund raising opportunities, and the potential for forming a Keys sub-chapter.

February’s meeting was about the future of environmental issues in the western hemisphere. March meeting will feature the CEO of the Everglades Foundation, Kirk Fordham, and April there will be a coastal cleanup service project.

SW – Matt Miller – They had a picnic at Stump Pass Park in February (lightly attended). The March meeting will have John Gibbons (SWFRPC) talking about Emergency Planning. The chapter’s annual meeting will be held in April at Little Pine Island and will feature ½ day workshop and ½ day field review regarding the Little Pine Island Assessment Method. Plans for attending a baseball game in May are in the works.

TB – Erin Kane – The annual membership survey generated 34 responses. In response to some comments, the lunch meeting was moved to a new location. 68 people attended a presentation in Feb by Phil Leary of the Florida Groundwater Association about current environmental issues and upcoming legislative report. March will be Vern Roberts talking about Asbestos regulations. Elections will be held in May. Current membership is 233.

TC (proxy to Krista Sabin) – January’s meeting was about restoration at Jonathan Dickinson State Park, March will be about SFWMD’s Tree Island Restoration project. The chapter is looking at a networking event during the evening in Lake Worth to give more exposure in that part of the chapter.

TL – No report

VIII. Old Business

Website Update – migration will occur in the next couple of weeks.

Bylaws Revisions – comments must be received by the end of April so that the proposed changes can be sent to NAEP for approval at the July BOD meeting.

Insurance Coverage – is being provided by NAEP. We will cancel our policy. NAEP has not invoiced the chapters, but will be soon. Coverage of the local chapters is provided by FAEP.

2011 FAEP Annual Conference – Planning by the Treasure Coast Chapter is progressing. Krista reported that the conference will be September/October and will be at the new West Palm Beach library. They have stadium-style seating for up to 150 people with new electronics. The theme is probably “Environment and Economy”. Some discussion was held regarding timing with SFAEP’s annual meeting. It was determined there would not be a conflict.

2014 NAEP Annual Conference – Bruce to prepare a proposal.

AWRA Conference (March 8th) – previously discussed.

NSU Student Organization – previously discussed

Scientific Diving Workshop – Tabled

IX. New Business

Chapter Incorporation – Northwest chapter is reconsidering. Paul to get with NAEP (Tim Bower) to see if the American Society of Association Executives has any prepared information about the pros and cons of local chapters being incoporated. Kristin and Bruce will also research.

X. Upcoming Meetings

April 1st BOD Meeting

May 6th BOD Meeting

June 3rd BOD Meeting

XI. Adjournment