

A&WMA Baltimore-Washington Chapter

Board Meeting Summary

April 26, 2019, 11:00 am

Call in: [\(703\) 935-2811](tel:(703)935-2811), Conference ID: 48905717

1. Present
 - a. Flint Webb, Chair
 - b. Tiffany Dillow, Past Chair
 - c. Cathe Kalicz, Treasurer
 - d. Janine Whitken, Secretary
 - e. Susan Wierman, Director
 - f. Adam Eisele, Director
 - g. Clara Poffenberger
 - h. Julian Levy
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of the Agenda
 - b. Approved March 31 meeting minutes
3. Secretary's Report (Whitken)
 - a. Annual Report. Flint obtained a copy of the report from AWMA. **Action Item:** Flint to distribute copy and request Board to review and consider areas to work on for 2019.
4. Treasurer's Report (Kalisz)
 - a. Balance: \$7,022.56 as of 4/23/2019
 - b. Budget Status: Reviewed and accepted Treasurer's Report. **Action Item:** Cathe will reformat Treasurer's Report to match the entries in the Annual Report. – Done after the call.
 - c. PayPal account status:
 - d. Audit Committee: **Action Item:** Cathe and Clara to meet on May 11.
5. South Atlantic States Section Report (Webb/Christman)
 - a. The March SASS Board meeting was held on 17 April (face-to-face board meeting on April 4th was canceled at the last minute).
 - b. RTP Chapter
 - i. Student presentations program on April 30th.
 - ii. EPA teacher training July 9-10. The EPA teacher training was discussed at the *Our Air, Your Future* teacher training on April 22nd.
 - c. The South Carolina Chapter
 - i. YP get together being planned.

- d. NCSU Student Chapter
 - i. Tour of EPA labs on April 16th.
 - e. JMU Chapter
 - i. New blood – getting organized.
 - f. Membership numbers – there was a modest increase in membership (12 new members) net, with 5 new B-W chapter members, and small decrease in unaffiliated numbers of the chapter. **Action Item:** Flint to contact AWMA to get Susan Wierman reinstated as Membership Chair and access to the database through the AWMA website.
 - g. Social Media/Website Committee – Looking good
 - h. SASS members survey
 - i. The Survey site has been opened for purposes of reviewing the survey (see link: [Revised Draft Survey](#)). Looks like it is ready to go out.
 - i. Leadership Training
 - i. Bob Hall attended the training for SASS and gave a good report.
 - j. Upcoming A&WMA Webinars:
 - i. 5/1-5/2 – All about CEMS (1-3pm each day)
 - ii. 5/7 – Sensor Deployment and Platforms for Smart Cities (1-2:30pm)
6. Committees
- a. Membership (Wierman):
 - i. Lapsed members
 - b. Nominating (Dillow): No news to report.
 - c. Education (Webb):
 - i. Flint organized a conference call with DC DoEE on 9 April attended by Cecily Beall, Rama Tangirala, and Jordan Davis. DoEE was very supportive and mentioned that they have a grant to study Purple Air monitors in DC and Jordon has been placing them in many places around town. They all have signed onto the Slack site which is being used to share information between the teachers and technical resources.
 - ii. Elizabeth Spike held her teacher training on 22 April. Flint made a presentation introducing the teachers to the A&WMA and our mission.
 - iii. Elizabeth made a presentation to the Providence District Council that was very well received. There was interest in putting monitors at a number of schools in the area – particularly schools that are near highways.
 - iv. Elizabeth set up a Skype meeting and was able to include presenters from University of Texas, Purple Air, and a public health nurse from Anacostia High School in DC.

- v. Is anyone interested in being part of the Slack exchange site? If so, I am sure that Elizabeth will be glad to have you included. This site is a resource for teachers allows feedback on how to implement the sampling program and potentially later, what the data means. Cathe recommended referring them to the USEPA air sensor tool box. Adam concurred on the value of this resource.
- d. Outreach/Web site (Dillow):
 - i. Tiffany uploaded the pictures from the Guinness tour on the web site. **Action Item:** Tiffany to post by-laws and add link to PDF of Flint's presentation on "How to get the Most Out of ACE."

7. Program

- a. March (Dillow): Guinness Brewery Board Dinner/Chapter meeting
 - i. Attendance: 15
 - ii. Cost: \$228.52 for Board dinner. Those participating in the tasting paid Guinness Brewery directly.
- b. April (Webb): Quebec ACE Presentation via Skype.
 - i. Eight people attended the call. Based on the attendance, this is a worthwhile way to reach out to chapter members.
 - ii. I'm thinking there was enough interest in the idea that we might want to set it up as a POSS (except run by the Tech Council) to everyone that submitted abstracts to the conference next year.
- c. May (Poffenberger): Regulatory changes Webinar/Meeting.
 - i. **Action Item:** Flint to contact Cicely Beall DOEE Air Director and Jeff King, Council of Governments regarding their interest and to set an available date in early June.
- d. June: No meeting because of ACE.
- e. July (Dillow): Environmental Ethics class
 - i. Tiffany and Clara coordinating an Ethics class that would meet bot the ethics continuing education requirements for lawyers and Professional Engineers. **Action Item:** Flint to share information on requirements in Maryland and potential for on-line courses to make available to AWMA members. – Done after the call.
- f. August (TBD): This month has low attendance due to vacations and back to school conflicts. Alternative would be a social event.
- g. Future Ideas:
 - i. Should we consider registering our events with Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.com/organizer/pricing/>)? It looks like it is free for free events.

- ii. Presentation training: Cathe suggested that it would be a good class – particularly for YP members.
 - iii. Tour of a Materials Recycling Facility: One of the suggestions at the S&CC meeting was to have plant trips.
 - iv. Climate Changes in the DC Metro Area: Jason Samenow (jason.samenow@washpost.com), founder of the Washington Post's Capital Weather Gang, spoke about observed and predicted climate change impacts in the Washington DC area to the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust in March.
8. Old business
- a. Outreach to U of MD, College Park (Levy). **Action Item:** Julian will contact Dr. Fernando Miralles-Wilhelm from UMCP to confirm most likely dates of May 2, 3, 6, 9, or 10.
 - b. Outreach to George Mason University (Chistman). Flint discussed the idea briefly with Dr. Jennifer Sklarew when she made a presentation to the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (Federation) about the student storm water micro-turbine project she is leading on April 18th and introduced her to Ryan. Ryan was not able to make the Federation meeting. Jennifer was quite receptive to the idea. The B-W chapter has approached her husband (Dan Sklarew) in the past.
 - c. LinkedIn group (Whitken). Decided not to do a separate group since SASS is already on.
9. New business
- a. Report from Leadership Training (Eisele): Approximately 40 people attended. Valuable insights from Louisiana State University on active student chapter. Emphasis on keeping the websites up to date and social media mechanisms to maintain outreach. Discussed the value of diverse membership and looking for ideas on how to retain members from industry and regulatory groups.
10. Closing
- a. Review of Action Items- open items discussed above and added to notes.
 - b. Schedule next meeting. Plan for future meetings the 3rd week of May. Flint to send out a doodle poll to confirm the best day during that week.
11. Adjourned at 12:01.