FAEP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2011

12:00 – 1:00 EST

Conference Call

In attendance:

Erik Neugaard

Kristin Bennett

Bruce Hasbrouck

Victoria Colangelo

Arnaud Roux

Ed Currie

Mary Gutierrez

Elva Peppers

Kathy Hale

Tim Terwilliger

Teri Hasbrouck

1. **Approve Minutes**

Sept. minutes- Motion to approve as amended - Mary

Second to approve by Bruce

All aye

1. **President’s Report**

See budget below

1. **Vice President’s Report**

* Kristin wants everyone to know that the monthly activity information is important to get to Kristin, Bruce and Teri in a timely fashion for NAEP & FAEP notices that are sent out to members. Bruce would prefer getting the information during the last week of the month for the next month's activities.
* Teri will forward the NAEP What's New meeting notice to the FAEP membership.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

$16,913.55 in checking acct.

1. **Secretary’s Report**

None.

1. **Association Administrator’s Report**
   * 817 current FAEP members (573 Oct. 2009 and 684 in Sept. 2010)
   * 74 Memberships processed in Sept. 41 new and 33 renewals
   * 31 renewal notices sent out
   * 149 NAEP Members
   * Membership dues for Southwest Chapter have been changed to $0 for the month of October.
   * New area on the home page that allows chapters to announce or advertise chapter news.
   * Requested lead article from Erik.
2. Chapter Reports

* **John Lesman (Victoria Colangelo) – CN**
* Hydric Soils and Wetland Delineation Workshop - Nov. 2, Greg Sawka and L. Rex Ellis Instructors (8:30-5:30) (Teri sent to FAEP database)
* Fall social coming up in November.

**Action item: Administrator to send out notice on Hydric Soils Workshop**

* **Ed Currie – NE**
* Sept. meeting was the SFEAP annual conference was Hot topics was very successful (Herschel Vineyard Key note), over 107 attendees
* Oct.13th meeting will be David Dunkley speaker on Setting a Course for a more Sustainable Airport-Latest from JIA
* NE Chapter submitted a budget request to FAEP for annual conference for 2012 for $1000.
* NE Chapter is working with UNF students and representative to develop student chapter there.
* **Mary Gutierrez – NW**
* Sept. 21st - **On Wednesday, September 21st the Northwest Chapter of the Florida Association of Environmental Professionals in partnership with the Bay Area Resource Council and the University of West Florida held an Environmental Symposium that covered such topics as**  Air Quality,  Alternative Energy Sources,  BioFuels,  Brownfields,  Current Research and Development,  Environmental Rules & Regulations,  Green Building Design,  Land Use, and Water Quality. Over 100 participants from the Northwest Florida area attended the all day workshop. In addition, we had 30 college students from local universities that participated through sponsorships from Earth Ethics, Inc. SETAC, and Ecology and Environment. The event was a great success. We raised over $1,300 for the chapter!!
* October 21st - Buddy Covington speaker "Post Katrina Finfish and Shellfish Recovery Little Bay Peninsula, Bayou LaBatre, Alabama.
* November 18 - Dr. Carl Mohrherr, UWF "Findings of PCBs in Escambia River"
* Officer and board elections in Nov.
* Dec 13th Holiday mixer and food drive
* **Jeff Marcus (Erik Neugaard)– SO**
* Working on getting ready for chapter annual conference in November 4, 2011: "*Regulatory Challenges in a Changing Environment*"
* September 16th event was in Key Largo to include more people from that area. John Halas speaker "*FKNMS Current Programs and Initiatives*"
* **Matt Miller – SW**
* Sept. 23: FAEP Annual Conference
* Sept. 27th: membership meeting "*Lawyers, Swamps and Money: US Wetland Law, Policy, and Politics".*
* October 13th - Rachel Herman: *Sarasota County's Updated Manatee Protection Plan* in Sarasota
* October 18th - Networking event - 6-8PM Bar Louie, Gulfcoast Town Center, Ft. Myers
* October 20th - Networking event - Old Salty Dog, City Island, Sarasota
* November 8th - Joel Christian: *Manatee County's Wetland Regulations* Sarasota
* **Paul Bowers (Tim Terwilliger) – TB**
* Sept. 17th - International Coastal Cleanup event with Keep Hillsborough County Beautiful.
* Sept. 21 Luncheon - Abbey Naylor: *"Key Considerations for Obtaining Environmental Permits in View of Current Administration, Financial, Technical, and Regulatory Constraints"*
* Sept. 29th Networking event at Tampa Bay Brewing Company
* Oct. 5th - Board Meeting - Closed out fiscal year 2010-2011 budget & Board meeting covered fiscal 2011-2012 budget
* Oct. 19th Luncheon, speaker Andy Schipfer: *Groundwater Protection and Cleanup in Hillsborough*
* Dec. 1st - Annual Falliday, Membership appreciation event
* Submitted FAEP request for $1000 for 2011/2012
* Tom Harmon (USF student chapter) available to present his thesis work to other local chapters in Florida. Teri will send out his information.
* **Arnaud Roux – TC**
* Sept 23rd - held FAEP Annual conference
* No Oct. meeting schedule.
* Working on a plant identification training (one, possibly two days). If timing is right, Nov. event.
* Annual holiday event Dec. 1 in Jupiter at the River Center with silent auction.
* **Elva Peppers – TL**
* Sept. networking meeting, a few people ~ 18 (SAMI door prize), a couple new people attended.
* First annual budget discussion is ongoing
* Membership drive - Oct. 12th general meeting Special Rate: Bring a non-member for the member rate. Join by Dec 1st and have a member sponsor and both of you will be entered in separate special drawings for a $50 gift certificate.
* Last Board meeting discussed changing student membership fee from $10 to $5
* Board reviewed and is making changes to the TL chapter bylaws.
* Created Tallahassee chapter logo.
* Next meeting, Oct. 12th, Paul Looney will speak about CEP certification.

**Action item: Administrator to add to membership renewal form a field for where did you hear about FAEP?**

1. Old Business

* 2011 FAEP Annual Conference - update
* Erik thought it was an excellent conference under current economic conditions and that there was quality content.
* Bruce thought the free attendance worked towards adding members to FAEP and it easier to members.
* Arnaud will bring an update to next month's meeting.

**Action item-Erik send out 2012 FAEP requests for chapters that are interesting in hosting the Annual FAEP conference.**

* 2014 NAEP Annual Conference
* Proposal from TBAEP

- Motion from Bruce to accept the proposal from the Tampa Bay chapter to host the 2014 NAEP Annual Conference.

- Second to approve - Kristin

- All aye

* FSU and UF Student Organizations

This topic was not discussed.

* Gainesville Area Chapter

This topic was not discussed.

* Tax Return

This topic was not discussed.

* Proposal for Annual FAEP Chapter Filings

This topic was not discussed

* NAEP Chapter Event Email Blast to Members

See Vice President's report.

1. New Business

* 2011-2012 Budget
* Kathy Hale has suggestions for revisions. The budget committee (Victoria, Bruce & Kathy) will review all suggestions and provide a recommendation to the Board.
* Victoria requests comments by Oct. 14th.
* Victoria wants discussion about a cap on the limit on the requests from local chapters.
* Kathy suggests that the budget use 825 or 850 members for calculating income.
* No objections from the Board to having a vote to approve the budget via email for 2011-2012 fiscal year.
* 2010-2011 fiscal year balance sheet
* Motion to accept the 2010-2011 fiscal year balance sheet-Kathy Hale
* Second - Victoria Colangelo
* All aye

1. Upcoming Meetings

* November 4th BOD Meeting
* December 2nd BOD Meeting

1. Adjournment-1:12PM