

IESWCS Ex.Bd.Meeting 1-12-06

Meeting opened at 10am in the NRCS East Area Office, Spokane with Tim Dring, Steve Durgin, Georgie Leinweber, and Ann Swannack attending.

Shelly Lassiter joined the committee and reported that a \$100 website fee was paid to ECO 9 but the website contact is no longer in business and a new site will need to be found. Shelly has looked into SpoCom.Com which charges a fee of 25/month plus a setup fee and GoDaddy which is also a good site if we want to sublease space to local chapters of other Professional Societies. Shelly also suggested checking with other local environmental groups for local sponsored websites.
ACTION ITEM: Steve Durgin and Shelly Lassiter volunteered to research options and have suggestions for the Executive Board before the end of January.

Shelly asked the Ex. Bd. Board to give her input for items to be posted on the Chapter Web-site. Items suggested were: our Strategic plan, committees, scholarship information, calendar of events, membership list, photos from meetings, IESWCS region map, Logo(?), Chapter By-laws,

Minutes from the July Executive Board Meeting were read by Secretary, Ann Swannack. The Fall Meeting minutes were read. Georgie moved to approve, Steve seconded, passed.

Treasurer, Esther Patterson was unable to attend and no Treasurer's report given. Steve Durgin moved that the current officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) be put onto the signature cards for each of the Chapter's bank accounts. Georgie seconded and motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Update all Chapter bank account's signature cards with current officer's signatures.

Steve Durgin moved that the chapter's funds be moved to interest bearing accounts. Georgie seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Tim Dring volunteered to work with the Treasurer to move the Chapter's funds to an interest bearing checking account. Ann will check with AmericanWest Bank for interest bearing account options for the '02 SWCS Conference funds.

Ann Swannack moved that the Chapter vote at the spring meeting to allow each member of the Executive Board \$200 per year to sponsor activities that fulfill items of the Strategic plan. Steve Durgin seconded. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Ann volunteered to write up the proposal and a draft report form for presenting at the spring meeting.

Professional Development: Shelly Lassiter, Western Director for Professional Development reported that there are two scholarships available from SWCS. One scholarship is for employees for additional education and one is for graduate students. Application deadline is February 15, 2006.

ACTION ITEM: Steve Durgin or Tim Dring will send an email to the membership with the SWCS scholarship information.

Also discussion for strengthening chapters has lead to the suggestion that chapter officers serve for longer terms. This would need a resolution from a local chapter for discussion by the House of Delegates at the annual Conference.

Newsletter: Steve Durgin volunteered to do the next newsletter which is planned for mid-February mailing.

The Chapter Annual Report is due February first.

ACTION ITEM: Tim Dring and Steve Durgin will complete the Annual report and submit it before the deadline.

A copy of the report will be sent to the Ex. Bd. Members. It will be reviewed and used as a guide for planning chapter activities for the coming year.

It is the responsibility of the local chapter to update information on the National web-site, current membership and officer information.

Spring meeting: The spring meeting will be planned by Georgie Leinweber and Don McCool. Location and topics will center on the Asotin area watershed, salmon issues, water quality and plant materials related projects and cultural resources. Steve Durgin volunteered to contact Barry Southerland, Brad Johnson and Courtney Smith. Tentative date for the spring meeting is April 21 in Clarkston or Asotin.

Election of officers. Georgie Leinweber is chairman of the nominations committee. Officers to be elected in 2006 include Vice President, Treasurer, and Directors for N. Idaho Panhandle, SE WA and Central WA. Discussed including ballots in the February newsletter if nominations are available in time.

RUSLE2 workshop. Ann Swannack contacted Glenn Weesies who provided training last spring for the Oregon Chapter. He is now providing this training through CTIC and the cost is \$225 for an 8 hour workshop with 25 participants. It was discussed and decided that we would look into other options using local trainers to put on a workshop, possibly with WEP training also. Ann Swannack volunteered to contact Dennis Roe and Tom Gohlke for more information and reply to Glenn Weesies on our decision.

Committees:

ACTION ITEM: Tim Dring will contact members of the current committees and request that they meet and provide reports at the spring meeting. Ann will contact the newsletter committee.

Georgie moved to adjourn at 2:30, Steve Durgin seconded. Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Swannack, Sec.