

IESWCS Board Meeting
Spring 2009

Present: Ann Swannack, Sally Bredeweg, Shelly Lassiter, Steve Sprecher, Tim Dring, Dave Brown.

Conference Line: Steve Rolph., Emily Pickron,

Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2009 Board Meeting were read.

Shelly moved the meeting minutes be approved, Dave seconded.

Treasurer Report: See attached report. Sally moves, Steve S. seconds to approve the report.

Ann has been trying to visit Ester to get any materials Ester might have. Ann keeps missing Ester, but is still trying. Ann and Shelly went through a bunch of old records. They found a budget that Easter made in 2005 or 2006. Ann wants to get back to making goals and sticking to them. Emily wants to know what we want to put in the treasures report. Dave is asking about the purpose of some of our CD's. Are the CD's being saved for some purpose. Shelly said we need to use some of the money to develop a scholarship fund. The money came from the national meeting we hosted and is sitting in an account with no particular purpose. We, has a board, need to develop a budget to determine how to spend the money and spread it out. We want to prevent the Chapter from dying and the money needs to be spent.

Shelly said the money was for a scholarship and she read the criteria for being eligible to receive the funds. What happened is that no scholarship is developed. The students who are eligible are on the national website. The national scholarships are at about 1500 to 2500 dollars and few students are applying because of the small amount. Sally asked, what is the mission of the organization and is a scholarship fund how we want to spend our money? Ann asked Don if there are any members of the faculty that can find students to join the organization; Don said we need a new young professor who could lead the charge. Ann is going to write a letter to the members who are on Campus at WSU, saying that we are looking for assistance in starting a student chapter. We might try U of Idaho also. This needs to be a topic at the fall meeting. Sally asked if there is the possibility of developing some media to highlight the value of joining the Society. Dave said we need a face book site. Dave will pursue opportunities to advertize the chapter on face book. Ann suggests that at the next meeting we get chapter approval to shift our target scholarship audience to students who are related to members of the chapter. We need to show students why it is worth joining our chapter. What is the value of joining IESWCS? Steve R. said don't forget the Community Colleges to get student membership. Sally said, we need to sell what SWCS has to offer. Sally stated that the educational aspect and the opportunity to learn across resource concerns is a motivating reason for me to belong to the chapter. Steve R. mentioned that earning professional credits worked for the Soil Scientists and we talked about doing something to make our

society a professional credit earner. A motion by Dave to waive the first year fee, for students was seconded by Sally and passed.

Don asked where we are at with getting the society hooked up through the CFC. Emily said she has not moved on it. Ann said, let's try to get it going in the next six weeks so it is ready by fall.

The fall tour we will try to do at Soap Lake with the ice age flood institute hosted by the lower Grand Coulee chapter and may get some credits for geology. The fee is about 160 dollars and comes with food and a coach bus. Ann suggests that the chapter might offset some of the expense. Shelly talked about covering the organic and identity preserved farmers, Ann thought they would make a good spring meeting. Sally thought the urban forester topic might be good to try again. Tim asked if there might be some interest in getting a booth at some of the expos. Here in Spokane. Sally will talk with the forester and Tim talk to soils folks, septic and soils, etc. Steve R. mentioned contacting Tim Wilson, water conservation non-profit group out of Cheney, WA for spring of 2010. Steve S. will work on an organic farming topic for a possible future meeting. Shelly will explore the Sheppard's Grain has a possible topic. Steve R. said in his area we might look at water conservation work, but nothing new. Don is thinking about what topics might get us CEU's and wants it to be a major goal. Shelly suggests we sent out a pre-mail about the ice age flood tour. Steve R. the VP should coordinate for the CEU's for the chapter members. Ann will call John Moody to find out more. Don is leaving the meeting.

By-laws Ann wants to make sure that everything is ready to vote on the new by-laws at the fall meeting. The general membership needs to receive the new by-laws thirty days prior to the meeting where they will be voted on and a sixty percent vote of the membership at the chapter meeting will pass the amendments.

Shelly asked how do we track changes to our organizational functions so members know what is going on and why or what changes have been made.

August 1, 2009 Ann will have a update for officer books.

Sally made a motion to adjourn and Tim seconded, meeting ended.