

WAEF Board Meeting
May 19, 2002
Nelson Hall, UW-Stevens Point

12:12 Call to Order

Board Members Present: Paul Denowski, David Swanson, Rebecca Clarke, Mary Vymetal-Taylor, Mary Pardee and Jim McGinity

Board Members Not Present: Amanda Dworak, Colleen Robinson, Michael Anderson and Rhonda Matty

Others Present: Christy Allar and Scott Macintire

Approval of Minutes: Mary Vymetal-Taylor wants a V-T for her abbreviation. Mary Pardee *motions* to approve minutes from March, 2002 with change noted by Mary V-T. David *seconds*.

Discussion: Mary V-T suggests that answers to questions, and discussion be posted in the minutes.

Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda:

Mary wants to add the MEEC bills to agenda.

Rebecca would like to speak about the policies.

Paul states that Cindy has sent in a rough draft to see if we are happy with the format.

Paul would like to discuss the contract with WAEF, and the additional contract for the grant.

Public Input: Mary would like to know why we have public input. Scott M. would like to help with the Fall Conference.

Treasurers Report: (Mary P.) We are at a lower loss than last year at this time. In addition we have a \$2500 fee for the Fall Conference Site already paid.

Administrative Assistant Report: WEAC Conference information has come. The Board Bio's have been updated on the web site. Membership renewals have been sent out. The tax preparations for this fiscal year have begun.

Jim *motions* that we sign up for the WEAC Conf at a cost of \$200. Mary *seconds*.

Discussion: Mary wonders how much we would like to spend on marketing at the WEAC Conference. Rebecca thinks we take things left over from the Fall Conference. David wonders what the goal of attending the Conference is. Membership committee will discuss how we will promote WAEF at this conference.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee: (Paul) Approved a purchase of a zip drive for \$100.00. Approved the acceptance of a WEEB grant.

Winter Workshop: (Dave) He has the planning book and is looking for a theme. Some thought has gone into the possibility of discussion of the internal environment and the formal vs. non-formal for the theme. The site is reserved. Dave is wondering about the budget. Mary will help him with the budget.

Fall Conference 2002: (Rebecca) The group met at the Lions Camp with both chairs. Billy B. and Sunshine's dad will be there for entertainment. Jennie Lane and Dennis Yockers will be doing the Workshops and Field Trips. Brian and Korie are looking for a programs chair. Phyllis Peri is doing exhibits. Seth H. is doing volunteers. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1st.

Student Report: Colleen/Amanda not present.

Membership Committee: (Mary V-T) She is looking at other organizations to see how they do things and looking at what we send out as an organization. The meeting time and place will be posted on the web site.

Networking Committee: Michael A. not present.

Nature & Environmental Center Report: Jim gave overview of report that was passed on by Kathe Conn. Copy of report will be attached to minutes.

NAAEE: (Mary V-T) NAAEE is doing a conference in Boston, MA in October and Mary will get the information to Christy for the Web site. There is discussion regarding the Conference and how the affiliates will be involved and what their presence will be. Do we want just a member that is going to represent us rather than spend the additional funds? What is the agenda for the affiliates?

Unfinished Business:

Scholarship Policy: Students and retired members fees. We will need to table these items due to lack of information. Mary will review the rough draft sent by Cindy during the meeting. Scholarships policy, are we using the money from the auction as the funding for scholarships? The answer is that the scholarships are funded by the auction. We do not have the specific percentages. Paul discusses the need for a policy. Shall we make policy for this conference only, should we make a new policy, or do we table this item. Jim *motions* that we have a minimum of 5 scholarships for this Fall Conference 2002 with the amount to be determined by the committee. Mary P *seconds*. Mary V-T states that there should be a percentage designated to the conference committee. Jim states he doesn't want to tie the hands of the conference committee. Mary P. feels that students could pay something for the conference. Jim *amends motion* that the 5 scholarships will be a minimum of 50% of the total cost of a student attending the conference including registration fees, lodging, and meals. Dave *seconds*. All in favor. *Motion carried*.

Mary P. *motions* that we table retiree rates for this meeting. Jim *seconds*.

Wisconsin Stewardship Network: (Chris Nehrbass/ Wisconsin Stewardship Network) Chris mentions several groups that are currently members which are listed as follows: Trouts Unlimited, Sierra Club, etc. The network will publicize a web site with information and a newsletter. They are focusing on mercury pollution, wetlands, Crandon Mine, and forestry fragmentation. The Network will voice the opinions of members. There are some dues associated but nothing specific yet. At this time \$100 is the rough minimum. The group meets quarterly. They also have a conference annually. They pass on information to six regional groups. To join this group we would need to write a letter stating our intention to join and send it to Chris Nehrbass. We are also encouraged to check out the web site www.wsn.org. Rebecca wonders if we should check with our members to see what they want. Dave thinks, we as a Board should be more active. Board discusses where we want to go with this. Mary V-T. thinks this is a great opportunity for us to network. Mary P. and Dave would like to attend a meeting to see what this group is about.

WEEB Grant: (Christy/Mary P/Dennis Yockers) Mary states we received a \$14,000 grant from WEEB. Christy discusses how the grant will be carried out. John Fischer of the IDEA's group will be a partnership that was specified by WEEB.

EPA Grant: (Mary V-T) The feeling is that we will get this grant. The grant is to research the Midwest Conference and meet with the other four states. We will discuss how the Midwest will be handled in the next few years. We should receive official notification within the next few weeks. There is talk of adding additional states.

Midwest Conference and Leadership Clinic: (Paul) whom do we want to invite? The cost is \$500.00 per person. We are looking for people that are potential board members or committee chairs. We should do a bulk mail to members regarding the Leadership Clinic. We should talk to Sterling Strathe, Dave Engelson, Geoffrey Bishop, Randy Champeau, Greg Wise, Korie Klink, Brian Latus, Rob Nelson, Pat Marinac, Chris Nehrbass, Jessie Schlitz, Clayton Russell, Jessie Bisswell, and Jen Staub. We will discuss funds later. Is there anyone we can get a grant from?

2003 Fall Conference: (Paul) We need a chair and a theme so that we may have potential grant opportunities. We need to come up with some names and themes by the next meeting. Board will need to bring names to the next meeting.

EE News Articles: (Paul) Rebecca will be the Board Member highlighted. Paul will contact Mike in Networking for an organization to highlight. Rebecca will be checking with Brian and Korie for information regarding Fall Conference.

Policy Book: Mary feels that we should have it broken down to sections. We are not looking for minutes or who said/motioned. We need specific decisions stated as policy. We are looking for any specifically stated policy.

Administrative Assistant Position: (Paul) We will be continuing the contract with WCEE.

MEEC Bills: We will discuss with Kratt Brothers, Susan and review the contract. Jim will contact Susan.

The next Board Meeting will be August 11, 2002 at 10:00 to 3:30. We will verify the meeting place.

Mary V-T *motions* to adjourn.

Dave *seconds*.

Motion carried.