

## Great Basin Chapter, Air and Waste Management Association Board Meeting

### Minutes for December 9, 2003

**Present:** Russ Christensen, Mike Tomko, Judy Moran, Kevin Ovard, Renee Zollinger, Pete Stoll, George Wilkerson, Clive Mecham, Glenn Roberts, Deanna Anderson

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm. Agenda was provided.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting (October 21, 2003): The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Review of Action Items: The carry-over action items were all addressed.
  - The Board agreed it was not necessary to send a thank you letter to Lisa for her part in setting up the banquet talk with Rocky.
  - P2 Conference was last month, all action items complete.
  - Board agreed to open up future scholarships to other schools (see Item # 5).
  - Scholarship Committee does not need to meet, based on limited response (see Item #5).
  - The Board vacancies were identified and candidates discussed (see Item # 8).
3. Treasurer's Report: No activity last month. The Chapter currently has a checking balance of \$10,174.16. The \$8,360.00 in education monies with National is still frozen. Clive called National, and was told that National would like to keep the money but ultimately it will probably be up to the chapters.

**Action Item:** Clive will call Christy at National to restate our position that we want the money reimbursed for use in our scholarship program.
4. Membership Committee Report: The membership is at 99 for the Great Basin Chapter. The Board agreed that we need to diversify our membership.
5. Education. Only three applications for scholarships have been received and the Board intends to award three scholarships. The Board discussed the three candidates: one from Weber State (BS in microbiology) and two from Weber State (MS and PhD in bioremediation). All three candidates met the established criteria, and the Board voted to award each candidate a scholarship. The Board agreed to send request for applications to all potential schools/departments next year.

**Action Item:** Deanna will notify candidates of the awards, invite them to the Spring Banquet, and see if we can pay the scholarship straight to their respective schools to be applied against tuition.

The Science Fairs begin in March.

**Action Item:** Deanna will look into involving AWMA members (possibly student members) as judges, and we will provide a bond for the winners as discussed last spring.

6. **Communications:** nothing new to report. Board discussed finding an intern to perform the day-to-day web management associated with this position.

7. **Programs:**

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November 2003 – P2 Conference was held November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wyndam. Although attendance was limited, the talks were very good and informative. The Board discussed whether we want to sponsor it again next year, and what we might do differently (sponsor one entire session?).

**Action Item:** Judy will get statistics and feedback from P2 so we can discuss next year's possible participation.

The March banquet needs to be planned now. The Board would like to get Mike Leavitt to be the speaker, but it may not be feasible. A second choice would be Robbie Roberts. The Board will pick a date based on speaker availability.

**Action Items:** Judy to find out whether Mike Leavitt could be brought in. Mike Tomko will call Rick Sprott and ask him to contact Robbie Roberts.

8. **Other:** Rotation of the Board. The Board reviewed bylaws: we need to vote on the Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Chair every year. This year we need to vote on Membership and Communication directors (a two-year term). (Next year, we need to vote on Program and Education directors). Renee and George agreed to run for another term as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, to try to maintain consistency. The Board would like to solicit interest from more agency personnel and solid waste people. The Board agreed to conduct the voting on the following schedule:

ASAP -- email out to membership soliciting candidates.

December 19<sup>th</sup> -- notification by candidates interested in running due back.

January 5<sup>th</sup> -- ballot out to membership

January 9<sup>th</sup> -- ballots due back

January 20<sup>th</sup> -- new Board meets

**Action Items:** Pete will email solicitation for interest in Board positions out to membership. Glenn will call people that don't have listed emails and see if he can get email addresses for Pete. Russ and Mike will put the ballot together and send it out.

9. **Next Meeting:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 pm. The next meeting was scheduled for January 20, 2004.