

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

## Minutes for July 17, 2001

**Present:** Clive Mecham, Regg Olsen, George Wilkerson, Curtis Dungey, Joe Martone, Tim Andrus and Jose Garcia (by phone).

Meeting called to order by Clive Mecham at 12:00 PM. Agenda was provided.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting (June 12, 2001): The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting. The status of several of the action items from the last meeting was reviewed. These are discussed further below.
2. Treasurer's Report: George Wilkerson presented the latest financial statement for the Chapter dated June 30, 2001. Total assets as reflected in the checking account balance are now \$5,320.96. Expenses during the past month included two scholarship checks (\$1,000 each) to the University of Utah and Utah State, IOT expenses for Clive Mecham, Webmaster dues, costs for the post office box and a bank service charge.

The financial statement also now reflects the \$3,000 loan paid to the National office and the \$8,360 remaining from the education fund at the National office. These amounts will continue to be shown on the monthly statements until the status of these funds is resolved. With the additional monies the total assets are \$16,680.96.

3. Programs: The Board continued to elaborate on possibilities for a fall lunch meeting for GBC membership. All were in agreement that the regional haze issue would be a good theme to focus on. One possibility would be someone from the Desert Research Institute to discuss its work in this area. Cheryl Heying indicated previously that she knew of a contact that may be willing to do this. A second possibility would be for someone from the Utah DAQ, such as Colleen Delaney, to discuss local and regional efforts in this area. Jose will contact Cheryl and investigate speakers for the program. The group agreed that October 10 would be a good date for this event. The venue would probably be Diamond Lil's, unless a more favorable location can be found.

The Board briefly discussed the possibility of students that receive the GBC scholarships addressing the group during the fall lunch event. However, it was decided that adding this to the agenda at this time would make the program too long.

As a follow-up to last month's meeting, Jose will prepare a letter for Clive's signature to thank HAFB for its hospitality during the June 8 technical tour.

4. Education: All three state universities (University of Utah, Brigham Young University and Utah State University) have received and cashed the \$1,000 scholarship checks. The GBC will continue to keep in contact with the environmental engineering programs at each of the universities. At some point, students receiving the awards will be offered the opportunity to present brief overviews of their individual research at a future GBC meeting.
5. Communications: Clive announced to the group that Glenn Roberts from his office (URS) would be interested in acting as membership director for the Chapter. It was agreed that he could be added immediately to the communications committee under Tim Andrus until the GBC by-laws can be changed to provide for such a position. This person would work with the Board to focus on ideas for increasing membership in the Association.
6. Highlights of Sections and Chapters Meeting: Clive provided the group with some highlights from the Sections and Chapters meeting held during the Orlando AWMA conference. One of most important issues was retaining and promoting membership with the Association. One possibility that was discussed was adding some additional incentives to belong to the organization, such as providing opportunities to obtain professional liability and long-term health care insurance through the Association.

Generating interest among a new generation of environmental professionals was also emphasized. Focusing on and promoting local student chapters was identified as one important avenue to accomplish this.

The National office also continued to discourage the practice of allowing individuals to belong to sections or chapters as “local associates”. Such individuals belong to the local affiliate for a nominal fee, but do not possess membership in the National organization. Currently, GBC has a provision in its by-laws for such membership, but no one was aware of individuals who hold local associate status.

The Board moved to revise the by-laws to remove the local associate designation and at the same time revise the by-laws to add a membership director to the list of officers. Regg Olsen volunteered to mark up an electronic copy of the by-laws with these changes and circulate it to other members of the Board for review.

7. Report from the Special Director: Joe Martone reported on several issues of interest to the GBC. First, due to the change in the fiscal year at the National office from May to May to January to January, Joe indicated that his term of office would be extended another 6 months to the end of the year.

He also reported that during the recent meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee, the group decided that this function was too important to be carried out by a separate committee. As a result, in the future this function will operate

directly as part of the AWMA Board rather than under a separate committee. The mechanics of this will be discussed further during the September National Board meeting.

After the strategic plan is established for the AWMA, the National Board will also discuss governance within the Association. This would include the roles of sections and chapters throughout the organization.

It was also reported that the AWMA conference in Salt Lake City did better than either the St. Louis or Orlando meetings. Salt Lake City brought in \$90,000 more than the recent Orlando meeting and \$70,000 more than St. Louis.

8. Other Business: Regg Olsen advised the group that he would be filing the Chapter's annual report within the next couple of days.
9. Next Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM. The next meeting was scheduled for August 14, 2001 at 12:00 PM.

**Action Items:**

- Jose Garcia will look into procuring a speaker for a fall GBC lunch meeting. The subject would be the regional haze issue. At this point, the date and venue would tentatively be October 10 at Diamond Lil's.
- Jose Garcia will also prepare a letter for Clive's signature to thank HAFB for its hospitality during the recent technical tour.
- Pursuant to a motion by the Board, Regg Olsen agreed to revise the Chapter by-laws to include a provision for a membership director and eliminate the provision for associate members.