

AWMA Great Basin Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2000

Attending

Curtis Dungey, *Chairman*
Reginald Olsen, *Vice Chair*
Gregg Alex, *Secretary*
Joe Martone, *Special Director*
Rick Sprott, *Programs*
Cheryl Heying, *Education Director*
Christy Turnbull, *Special Guest*

Meeting started at 12:10 and chaired by Curtis.

Secretary's Report

December 1999 minutes approved without changes.

Chairman's Report

Some concern was raised about the system of funding the Sections and Chapters. We are not aware of any official policy on how funds are allocated, except that it appears to be based on the number of members in each chapter. Is there a specific formula that is used to calculate funding? – i.e. # members x some dollar figure? When are the funds disbursed? How many times a year, etc. Curtis will look into this issue further.

Communications Director

Need to begin planning for the next newsletter. Possible topics include something about the possible support by the GBC to the USEE sustainable communities program , and information about the upcoming Winter dinner meeting .

Education Director

Christy Turnbull, a Board Meeting guest from the Utah Society for Environmental Education (USEE), described the organization and provided information regarding its program to educate students about sustainable development. The sustainable development program is being conducted in conjunction with the Outreach committee for the AWMA annual meeting, and currently involves about 14 schools. The general idea would be that each school develop a project to advocate a sustainable community within its area and present the project during the AWMA conference. Individuals would judge the presentations. USEE is requesting funds to begin implementation of this project. The GBC board also discussed other ideas for investing the GBC education budget of \$14,260:

- 1) Professional local mini-seminars.
- 2) Implementing AWMA ERGs in local schools.
- 3) Grants for students, teachers, or others to attend the local meeting.

- 4) Grant to USEE to implement their programs any applicable ERGs.
- 5) Scholarships for students in the new U of U Environmental Engineering Master's degree program. Students awarded the funds, would be required to present their thesis to the GBC.
- 6) Return some of the money to AWMA home office.

One or two of these will be developed further at a later date.

Board approved an initial \$3,000 investment to USEE for implementing its Designing Sustainability Communities Project at local schools. Cheryl will contact Joel Anne Sweithelm at AWMA to determine how to apply for distribution of this money from the home office.

Treasurer's Report

No changes in financial statement.

Vice Chair's Report

No report.

Programs

Began outlining details of Winter Dinner Meeting. Still trying to designate a location. The University Park Hotel, is still a consideration. Other downtown hotels are being researched. Proposed times are 6:00 social, 7:00 dinner, March 14, 15, or 16th.

No new information on Spring I-15 tour. Still researching this issue.

Joe Martone shared some photographs that were taken at the recent lunch meeting on PM₁₀ conformity. One or two of these will be selected along with a caption and sent to the AWMA for inclusion in its quarterly newsletter.

2000 Annual Conference

No time left for report.

Next meeting will be held February 8th, 12:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.