

VFMA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 11, 2014

Doubletree Conference Center

Richmond, Virginia

MINUTES

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Attendees:

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Don Rissmeyer.

President Rissmeyer opened the meeting with new business:

Scholarship funding

Concerns – funding to renew the scholarship every year

Recipients not staying in floodplain management or working in Virginia

Suggested that possibly the monies be applied towards other flood related items, such as having a reserve fund to repair/replace the Wards Flood Model, providing funds / stipends to a local college or university to be applied towards floodplain management related fields, sponsoring Dam or Floodplain Management Awards, VFMA Service Awards, etc..

It was agreed that the topic be tabled until the 2015 Board meeting with members considering various options before that time

Budget

Approved unanimously as presented.

Records

Approved to retain copies of newsletters, meeting minutes etc., on a flash drive or appropriate device and having a hardcopy of Board and Conference call minutes in a notebook, prepared and retained by the Secretary

Membership

Currently 95 members of VFMA for 2014. Membership drive is still underway, led by Scott Blossom and Doug Moseley. Looking into contacting CFM's in Virginia as listed from ASFPM as part of the membership drive. Also reaching out to corporations as group members. We are continuing to work towards a membership goal of 150.

Website and newsletters are doing well, no comments. We discussed how to improve the registration site and how to involve more people

Possible membership offered to schools, professors, students, was discussed.

Elections

Candidates for the Board and At- Large positions were approved as submitted by a nominating committee of Don Rissmeyer, Shane Parson and John Paine.

Directors – Tariq Makhdoom, Ken Somerset, Scott Blossom and David Gunn

At-Large Directors – Charley Banks (DCR) and Matt Wall (VDEM)

Terms are for two years and will expire in 2016 for these board members noted above.

VA Water Conference 2014

Good turnout, great presentations.

It was discussed that we should review the preliminary program since some presentations didn't match the others in their session closely. VFMA might be able to help refine the program in future years.

Tom Roberts agreed to help with abstracts next year. All agreed that Jeff and Tariq did another great job on the VFMA program! Don and Charley also attended the DEC VLWA board meeting on behalf of VFMA and this will probably be an annual invite since it went well.

VFMA needs to develop a new MOU with VLWA after the proceeds for this year's conference have been resolved with them. New items in the MOU may include a larger role at the conference and/or sponsoring the dam awards. Depending on the results, we might also need to look into the administrative costs more closely... this was discussed.

VFMA Workshops

2014 Workshop is planned for the 2nd or 3rd week in October in Spotsylvania County. Venue is currently being confirmed by Jim Rakestraw.

Hosting additional workshops in the Hampton Roads and Roanoke areas was discussed, with the emphasis being on Coastal flooding, construction and related events. Request for a conference topic and speaker(s) and organizing committees was made, Contact Don Rissmeyer.

Wards Flood Model

The model has been very well received and has seen a good deal of activity across Virginia.

Request to make sure the model and associated items are dry before being packed up for storage.

Discussion of needing a reserve fund for repairs/replacement.

ASFPM

VFMA Section Renewal Application to ASFPM has been made, updated leadership and contact information provided, and verification that ASFPM membership renewal is completed for 2014.

\$500.00 donation to the ASFPM Foundation approved in response to their letter, as shown in the approved budget.

2014 Calendar

President Rissmeyer will provide a calendar for leadership conference calls and other meetings and workshops with updates on the website and in the newsletters. Next conference call meeting will be in May 8, 2014, 1:30pm. Calls will be every month, on the second Thursday.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adjourn at 8:25.a.m

Submitted by

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VFMA Secretary 2014