

**WGWA Board Meeting  
Monday, October 28, 2002  
Conference Call**

Persons present: Margy Blanchard\*, Boyd Possin\*, Kristen Gunderson\*, Marilyn Weiss\*, Tom Riewe\*, Kevin Olson\*, Brian Hahn\*, Mark Strobel\* (\* via phone)

- I. Call to order about 6:00 pm. No additional agenda items were noted.
- II. Last meeting minutes (August 20)- E-mailed out to everyone by Boyd today and Margy moved to approve the minutes, Marilyn seconded, passed 4-0. Boyd noted that the names of potential candidates for office were removed.
- III. Treasurer's Report – \$16,006.06 in account as of October 28, 2002. We made a small profit on the field trip.
- IV. Membership Report – As of October 28, 2002 - 323 members are currently paid up for 2002.
- V. **Old Business**
  1. Election of 2003 Officers – Have 2 candidates for Secretary (Brian Hahn and Janis Kesy) but none for President-Elect. Need to determine if there are any potential candidates by Thanksgiving. Boyd offered up the possibility of him running again similar to what Margy did the previous year. Final decisions will be made by e-mail. Balloting by fax/mail/email will have the ballots out by December 2 and returned by December 16 if we follow last year's model. There will also be an At-Large Board Member position to be filled. Boyd moved to accept the nominations for Secretary and that he would run for President if no one else stepped forward. Margy seconded, passed 4-0.
  2. Report on Fall Field Trip – Toured Nicolet Minerals Visitor Center, core shed, and the proposed mine site. Stopped by Northern Lake Service for a tour of their lab. Also stopped at an outcrop of pillow basalts near Rhinelander. Bruce Brown and Tom Hooyer gave after dinner presentations on Precambrian and Pleistocene geology of northern Wisconsin & Upper Michigan. The second day included a hike at Bond Falls and a trip into the Caledonia Mine complete with a pasty lunch. A total of 30 people attended both days and an additional 9 people were able to come up for 1 day. There will be a write-up and photos from the trip in the next newsletter and more about the trip on the website.
  3. Progress Report April 2003 Conference – The WGWA conference will be Wednesday, April 9. Thursday, April 10 will be "Where the Waters Meet" a co-sponsored event with WGWA, Wisconsin Association of Lakes, Wisconsin Wetlands, and Wisconsin River Alliance amongst others. A topic for the WGWA portion (Wednesday) that has been suggested is pharmaceuticals in groundwater. Margy is looking for suggestions for speakers. Another potential topic could be the technical side of water supply issues/aquifer storage in Brown County. We need to issue a call for papers and give notice that there are awards for the top papers. We could also have a poster session. Margy will draft a call for papers and work on getting some speakers lined up. Deadline for abstracts will be February 7, 2003. Eight prizes - \$500 for best grad and undergrad presentation and posters (4 total) and \$250 for second in each category for runner-up (4 total). Boyd moved, Kristen seconded. Passed 4-0.
  4. Report on Waters of Wisconsin Forum - Held last week Monday and Tuesday – over 600 people attended – and there were less than 20 consultants. There were a lot of DNR and academic types. There were comments made that the conference that this was just the beginning of the effort and that the work will be portrayed to the Legislature as a consensus of water professionals. Brian commented that the WOW effort is receiving a lot of bad press in Central Wisconsin. Margy commented that the conference had an emotional slant to the issues that is not normally associated with scientific conferences.

**VI. New Business**

1. 2003 Membership Drive – Need to get more students and academic types. We should include a membership form with the call for papers. Marilyn suggested simplifying the corporate membership to if a company has 6 or members, that the fee is \$25 per person (some companies have 7 or more members).
  2. Groundwater Guardian Affiliate Committee – Identified about 3 people willing to help with this project. Focus will be on K-12 education on groundwater issues. Boyd turned out application so we will be official for next year.
  3. Education Committee – Would like to have members of the committee serve as liaisons with the different campuses. Boyd also suggested maybe developing a student affiliate of the WGWA. WGWA could offer to do brown bag talks at the campuses. Should also look at inviting students to give talks at the area meetings.
  4. April 2003 Groundwater Festival – Part of the Groundwater Guardian program based at UW-SP. It will be a 2-day festival. 1 day for K-12 (focusing on 5<sup>th</sup> graders) and 1 day open to the public. This will hopefully become an annual event and will move around to different locations throughout the state. Boyd proposed that WGWA donate money for the event. Margy moved to donate \$2,000 to the Groundwater Festival for the April 2003 event, Boyd seconded. Passed 4-0.
- VII. Next Board Meeting – tentatively sometime in late January for the turnover in the officers and firm up conference plans (sessions, abstracts, etc.).
- VIII. Meeting adjourned about 7:55pm.