

**WGWA Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 4, 2002  
Conference Call**

Persons present: Margy Blanchard\*, Boyd Possin\*, Kristen Gunderson\*, Marilyn Weiss\*, Joan Viney\*, Tom Riewe\*, Kevin Olson\*, Jeff Hossler\* (\* via phone)

- I. Call to order about 6:00 pm. No additional agenda items were noted.
- II. Last meeting minutes - E-mailed out to everyone after the last meeting at the Spring Conference (March) and Margy moved to approve the minutes, Marilyn seconded, passed 4-0.
- III. Treasurer's Report – \$14,670.96 in account as of June 4, 2002. WGWA is now tax-exempt in the State of Wisconsin for sales tax since we are an education organization. Contact Marilyn if you make purchases and need the number. We also have a credit card for WGWA use, make sure to get purchase documentation to Marilyn to track purchases. \$8,175 in dues received so far this year and there have been a few small expenditures this year.
- IV. Membership Report – As of June 4, 2002 - 315 members are currently paid up for 2002. 29 members are listed on the roster that were paid in 2001. Marilyn is working on cleaning up the database. There are 39 brand-new members, 3 student members, and 28 companies with 182 individuals in the corporate membership.
- V. **Old Business**
  1. AWRA Relationship Breakdown – Boyd and Margy explained what has been going on since the joint conference in March. AWRA has decided to have their own conference next year and not pursue a joint meeting due to concerns with their tax issues/status and that they viewed their group as an overall water resources group and didn't want to just focus on groundwater.
  2. Election of 2003 Officers – Need to recruit candidates for Secretary and President-elect. Boyd asked the At-Large Board Members to form an informal committee to recruit candidates to try and come up with some names prior to the next Board Meeting. Marilyn will send out a list of the people that indicated interest in being more involved in WGWA on their membership forms.
  3. Regional Meetings – How to invigorate them? Discussion of how to get better attendance, social vs. informational/presentation meetings, frequencies, and timing of meetings. Will come back to this topic at the next meeting.
  4. Relationship with AIPG – Margy stated that WGWA and AIPG Boards have met twice since December. The two groups are planning a joint field trip in the fall of 2002 and the two boards will continue to meet periodically. The next meeting is planned for June 26 in Madison – contact Margy if you are interested in attending.
  5. Progress Report on Fall Field Trip – September 27-28. September 27 meet in Rhinelander and take a coach bus around noon to the Crandon Mine, visit the mine and stop at a rock outcrop along the way, and then on to the core shack to check out the mine cores. Dinner at the Holiday Acres is planned for Friday night. A group of rooms has been reserved for our group at Holiday Acres. Saturday concludes with a stop at an old abandoned copper mine including an official miner pasty lunch. Registration materials will be coming out soon. Cost is estimated to be about \$110 per person (\$75 for students/children) plus lodging costs (estimated to be about \$80 per room, regardless of number of people in the room). There will also be options for Friday only, Saturday only, and Friday dinner.
  6. On-line version of *WGWA Newsletter* – Group commented to Joan (the Webmaster) that things looked and worked well. Only concern was getting back on schedule with issuing the newsletters – only 1 has been “published” in 2002. Spring issue should be out very soon, summer issue should be closer to on time.
- VI. **New Business**
  1. Do we need/want to assign individual member IDs and passwords for on-line access to the *WGWA Newsletter*? – Concern is that people may not become members if they can now get the newsletter

- for free on-line. There would be an expense and great hassle to issue individual IDs and passwords. The Board decided to leave the password situation as is, and the issue may be revisited if membership levels decline over time.
2. New spring conference alignment with Wisconsin Association of Lakes, Wisconsin Wetlands Association, and the River Alliance of Wisconsin – Boyd contacted some of these groups after the AWRA relationship broke down. All the groups were considering combining meetings in April 2003 in Green Bay to avoid competition between the groups for conference attendance. There will be a planning meeting in late June to discuss plans including a joint plenary session and each of the groups having individual meetings as well. There will be one fee and people are free to attend whatever sessions they wish to attend. There will also be a push to get student (both graduate and undergrad) papers and posters presented at the conference. Need to reconvene the education committee to explore policy, awards, options, feasibility, and communications. Margy will be the board representative on the committee and Marilyn will send out the list of the members that indicated interest in education to Margy.
  3. Possible alignment with the Wisconsin Groundwater Guardians? – Boyd discussed a recent meeting he had at UW-Stevens Point during a campus visit where the Wisconsin Groundwater Guardians group became part of the discussion. There are currently 7 local groups in the state. The focus of the groups is educating the public (primarily the young public) about groundwater issues. Boyd contacted their national office about WGWA becoming a Groundwater Guardian group. Boyd will send out some additional information about the group and the board will discuss this further at an upcoming meeting.
- VII. Next Board Meeting – tentatively Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00pm.
- VIII. Meeting adjourned about 7:50pm.