Alabama Section of the American Water Resources Association Board Meeting May 13, 2010

Board members present included Sabra Sutton, George Marodis, Ashley McVicar, Todd Boatman and Milt Ward via telephone.

Introduction

- **❖** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am at CH2M HILL's Montgomery office.
- ❖ Sabra introduced Todd Boatman with the Corps of Engineers. Todd will replace Kenneth Odom, who resigned due to accepting a transfer to Denver. Todd will assume the responsibilities of Membership Chairman and Stan will assumed the responsibilities of Secretary.

Summary of the Last Meeting

❖ Minutes from the March 2, 2010 Board meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Financial Report

❖ George presented the financial report. As of April 30, 2010 the chapter has \$8,898.11 in the checking account. George requested reimbursement of \$95.40 for fees paid by him for the Association's website. This was approved.

Symposium Planning

- **Abstracts are due July 1st.**
- **❖** The Board discussed possible themes and topics. Water wars update, instream flow, EPA storm water guidelines, oil spill, update of Corps of Engineers operation's manual and an update by Alabama Power Company hydropower relicensing were topics discussed. Ashley will review the various topics and explore possible speakers for these topics.
- ❖ Speaker gifts were discussed. Pottery from Alabama was well received and Ashley said that she would explore the possibility further.
- **❖** The possible need for liability coverage for Board members was discussed. Presently it does not appear that the Alabama Chapter is registered as a nonprofit entity. Sabra will attempt to determine our tax status. Incorporation may be necessary for tax purposes and liability coverage. The status of becoming a non profit entity may affect the decision concerning liability.
- **❖** John Morris of Alabama Power Company will organize the Flora Bama social the evening of September 8th.
- **❖** The poster session and social on the evening of September 9th will be hosted by the Alabama Chapter of AWRA at Perdido Beach Resort.
- **❖** Milt will reserve rooms for students in July.
- **❖** Mike Kensler and Brad Heilwagon were suggested as possible future officers.
- **❖** Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will be highlighted.

Closing comments

- **❖** The next meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2010 at CH2M HILL's Montgomery office.
- ❖ The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.
- **❖** Minutes are submitted by Stan Cook